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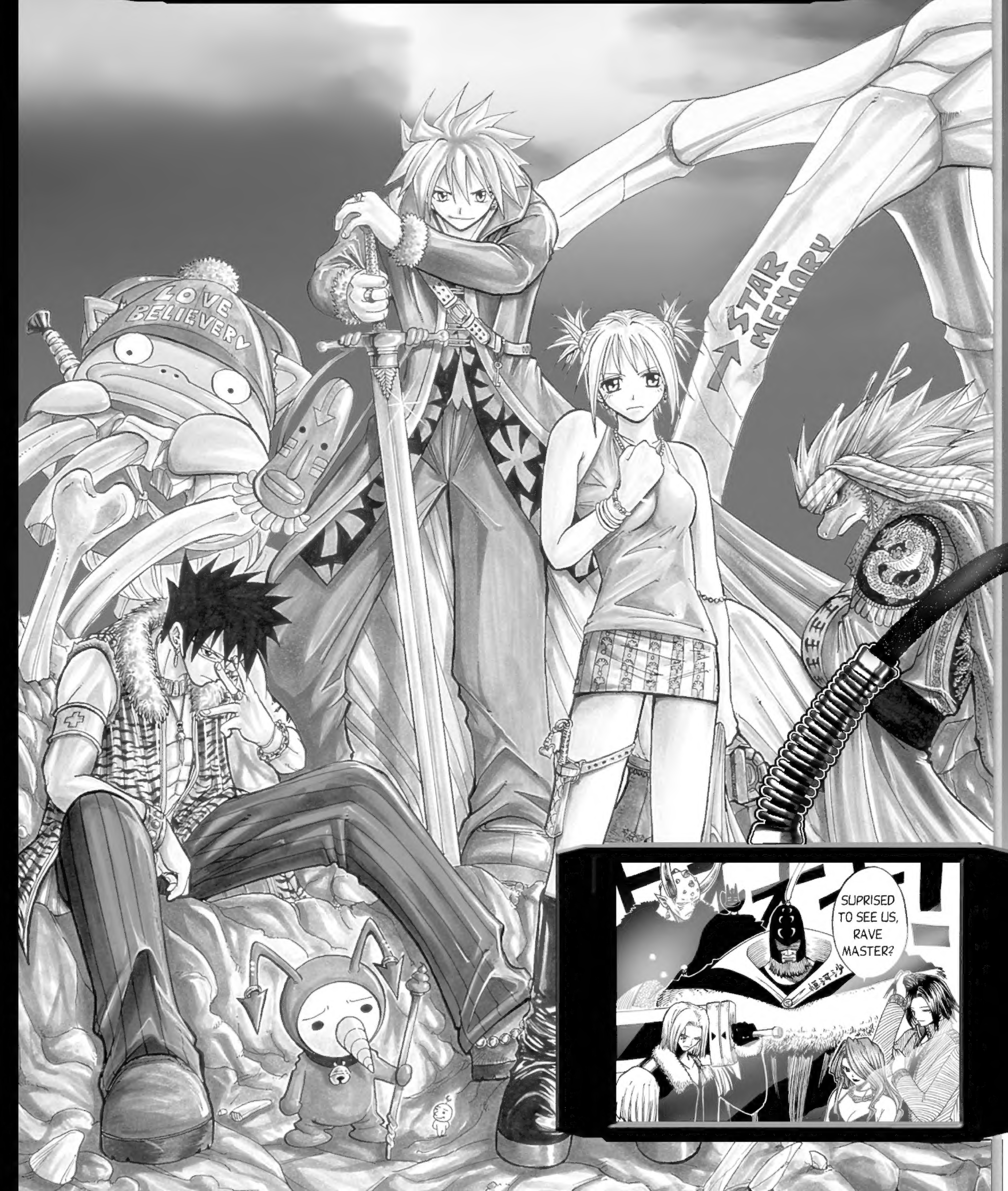
THE STORY SO FAR...

Koala's plan to wipe out the **Resistance** is set in motion! Koala sends out a fake communication claiming to have located the Resistance hideout. The message is intercepted by **Haru** and the others, and, taken in by the ruse, they immediately rush to the hideout, completely giving its location away to the enemy. Now the real **BG** assault begins, and Haru, **Let**, **Musica** and the others aid **Yuma** in defending the base from the invading BG army. While defending the base, Haru is just beginning to battle a mysterious metal man when his metallic opponent suddenly stops fighting--and begs for Haru to help him!


LOVE BELIEVER
STAR MEMORY
SUPRISED TO SEE US, RAVE MASTER?

THE RAVE MASTER™ CREW

HARU GLORY	A small-town boy turned savior of the world. As the **Rave Master** (the only one capable of using the holy weapon RAVE), Haru set forth to find the missing Rave Stones and defeat Demon Card. He fights with the **Ten Powers Sword,** a weapon that takes on different forms at his command. With Demon Card seemingly out of the way, Haru now seeks the remaining two Rave Stones in order to open the way to Star Memory.
ELIE	The girl without memories. Elie joined Haru on his quest when he promised to help her find out about her past. She's cute, spunky and loves gambling and shopping in equal measures. Locked inside of her is the power of **Etherion.**
RUBY	A "penguin-type" senteniod, Ruby loves rare and unusual items. After Haru saved him from Pumpkin Doryu's gang, Ruby agreed to sponsor Haru's team in their search for the ultimate rare treasures: the Rave Stones!
GRIFFON KATO (GRIFF)	Griff is a loyal friend, even if he is a bit of a coward. His rubbery body can stretch and change shape as needed. Griff's two greatest pleasures in life are mapmaking and peeping on Elie.
MUSICA	A **"Silverclaimer"** (an alchemist who can shape silver at will) and a former street punk who made good. He joined Haru for the adventure, but now that Demon Card is defeated, does he have any reason to stick around?
LET	A member of the Dragon race, he was formerly a member of the Demon Card's Five Palace Guardians. He was so impressed by Haru's fighting skills and pureness of heart that he made a truce with the Rave Master.
PLUE	The **Rave Bearer,** Plue is the faithful companion to the Rave Master. In addition to being Haru's guide, Plue also has powers of his own. When he's not getting Haru into or out of trouble, Plue can be found enjoying a sucker, his favorite treat.
THE ORACION SIX	Demon Card's six generals. Haru defeated Shuda after finding the Rave of Wisdom. The other five generals were presumed dead after King destroyed Demon Card Headquarters.

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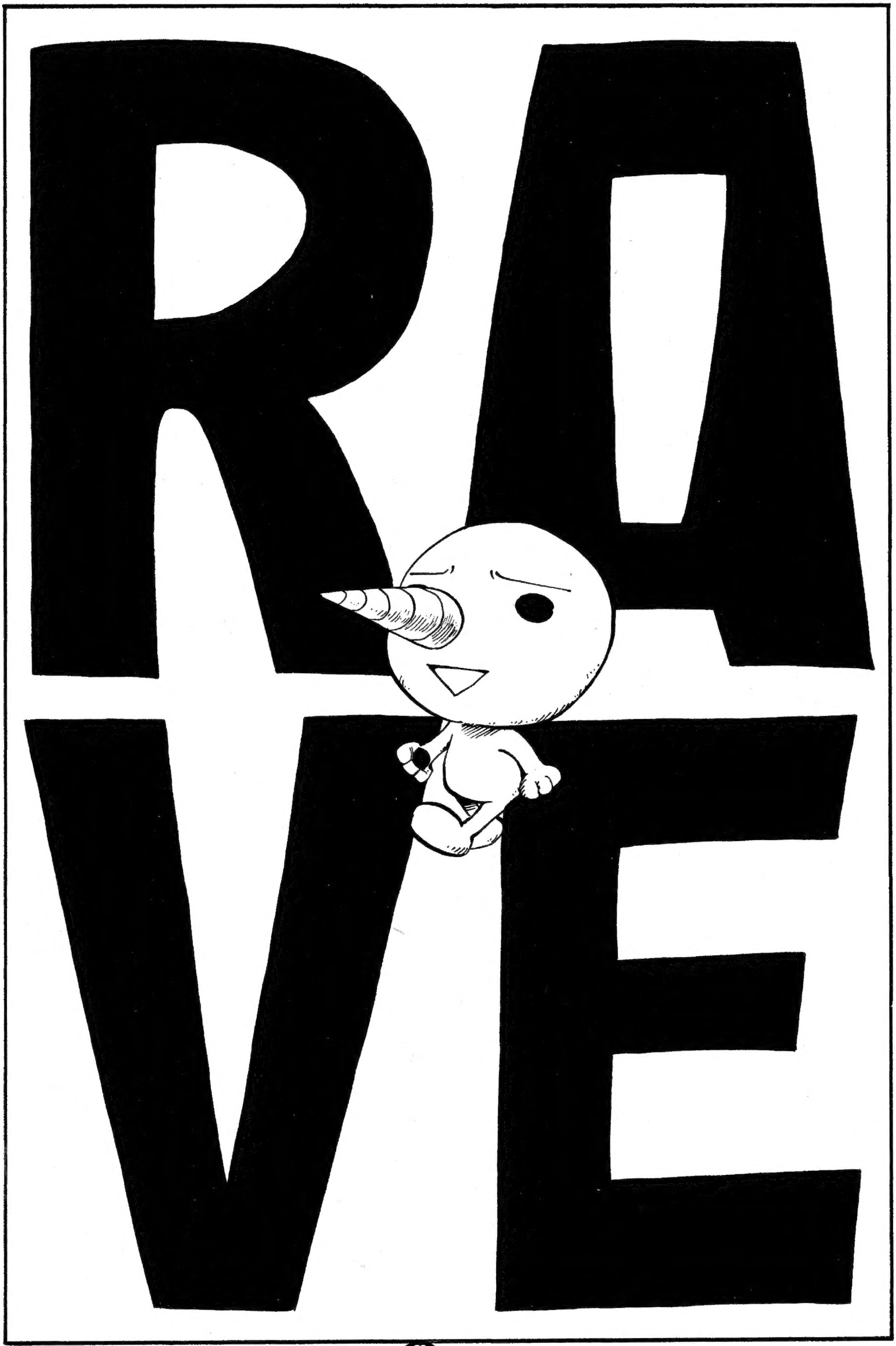

RAVE:201 ✠ AS A HUMAN

ドッ
ザ!!
ARRGH!!
HELP... ME...
ギギギ...
HUH?!
HELP ME!
ブ
ブ
ブ
YOU HAVE TO STOP TRYIN' TO KILL ME FIRST!
ゼッ

MY SWORD!!
I DON'T GET WHAT YOU'RE---
BANG
HELP ...
ガキィーン!!
NNGH!!
DUDE!! WHAT YOU'RE **SAYING** AND WHAT YOU'RE **DOING** DON'T MATCH UP, OKAY?!
UNLESS... **HEY!!**
THIS IS JUST A **DIRTY WAY** TO GET MY **GUARD DOWN**, ISN'T IT?!

NICE TRY, LUNCH BOX, BUT NO CAN DO!!
ゴォ!!
ぐりんっ
ガ!!
IF YOU REALLY WANT A HAND...
ギュイーン
...THEN STOP TRYIN' TO CUT OFF MINE!!
TWINGE
THAT EXPLOSION WASN'T AS BIG AS IT USUALLY IS...
IS IT 'CUZ OF MY INJURED ARM?
CRACK

オオオオオオ
CRICK
CRACK
ボロ… ボロ…
ヒュウウウウ…
H…
ボボーー！
HELP ME!!
HARU!!

Huff...
Huff...
Huff...
CLIMBING ST-STAIRS THIS HIGH...
Huff...
Huff...
...IS H-HARD ...!
ぐでたっ
AGREED.
OOH...
OW...
WAIT, YES!!
ピョン
ピョン
ピョーン
YOU AGAIN?!
ピョン
ピョン

THAT'S NOT FAIR!
FINE... FINE! IF HE WANTS TO GET CREAMED AGAIN...
...THEN I'M HAPPY TO OBLIGE!!
はっ
!!!
MISS ELIE, NO! NOT HERE!!
HUH? BUT WHY N--
OOOOOGH!!
ドカーン!
RATTA-TATTA-TATTA

ピキ…
ピキキ
ゴゴゴゴ
I WARNED YOU!!
UH-OH.
AAAAAAAAAAAAAH!!!

Y-YOU... CAN'T RUN FROM SIX GUARD THAT EASILY!
NEXT TIME I'LL USE AN "M" COATING, YES!
MAGIC WON'T WORK ON ME THEN, YES!
!
OH! BRANCH!!
MY MODIFIED MINION, YES!
HE'LL DO WHAT I SAY!
I'LL LEAVE ELIE TO HIM UNTIL MY NEW MACHINE'S DONE. Yes.
BRANCH?!
WHAT THE HECK **HAPPENED** TO YOU?!
HARU...
H-HELP M-ME...

L-LOOK AT MY BODY!
THEY CAPTURED ME AND TURNED ME INTO THIS!!
ISN'T IT HORRIBLE?! I WAS A HUMAN BEING ONCE!!
NOW LOOK AT ME! I'M A NOTHING MORE THAN A GLORIFIED WIND-UP TOY THAT THEY CONTROL!!
ガシャ
ガシャ
ガっしゃ
YOU MUST H-HELP ME!
PLEASE ...!!
ガっしゃ
I CAN'T... CONTROL MYSELF!
WELL...I HATE TO BREAK IT TO YOU, BUT YOU KINDA DESERVE THIS.
ガシィ
LOOK-- I KNOW I'VE DONE WRONG!
ガッ
I WALKED A DARK PATH!
キィーン

BUT I'M NOT STRONG LIKE YOU!! I'M WEAK!! SO I THOUGHT IT WAS THE ONLY PATH THAT I COULD TAKE!!
LA LA LA!
WOO!
ペチ
ペチ
?!
Hey, Branch is dancin' again! Haw!
Ew! Gross!
Look how lame he looks!
ぎゃはははははは
きゃははは
べと〜
I ONLY SAW TWO CHOICES...
...RUN FROM IT ALL...
They're throwing...
...horse dung?
...OR JUST SUBMIT!

THE ONLY OUTLETS THE WEAK HAVE ARE THE WEAKER!!
YOU USED MY SIS AS AN OUTLET?! ARE YOU SAYING THAT'S OKAY?!
I'M THE LOWEST, I KNOW! I'M LOW FOR SLAPPING A GIRL!
BUT I--
DON'T EVEN, BRANCH!!
WHAT YOU DID TO NAGISA WAS WAY BEYOND SLAPPING!!

NNH...
DRIP
DRIP
ギギギギ...
I'M... SORRY.
NNH...
I HAD NO CHOICE!!
I KNOW WHAT I DID WAS TERRIBLE!!
I'M NOT ASKING YOU TO FORGIVE ME--I KNOW WORDS AREN'T ENOUGH!!

CAN YOU HEAR ME, BRANCH? IT'S ME, YES.
!
YOU HAVE NEW ORDERS.
……
SHUT UP!!
Nngh!!
バキッ
ガシャ!!
H-HARU... T-TAKE A G-GOOD LOOK AT ME...!
ガシャ
ガシャ
ガシャ
NO MORE BATHS...
NO MORE GIRLS...

IT'S F-FUNNY, ISN'T IT?
L-LAUGH, HARU...!
かしゃ
がしゃ
I'M DONE FOR.
I CAN'T LIVE LIKE THIS... NOT AS A KILLING MACHINE!
PLEASE... KILL ME!!
I'M BEGGING YOU!!

ギギギギ!!..
K-KILL YOU...?
I C-CAN'T STOP MY BODY ANYMORE!
I'M A KILLING MACHINE-- NOT A PERSON!
NOT TO MENTION YOU ALREADY HATE ME...! YOU HAVE EVERY REASON TO DO IT!
I'VE ALREADY LIVED AN AWFUL LIFE AS A HUMAN...
...SO I DON'T WANT TO LIVE AN EVEN WORSE ONE AS A MACHINE!
HERE!!
THIS IS THE CORE--MY MOST VITAL POINT!
ONE STRIKE HERE, AND I WILL BE DESTROYED!!
BRANCH... I...

……
カッ
シャ
THAT'S RIGHT...
YES...
コクッ
DRIP DRIP
I...I CAN'T DO IT! YEAH, YOU'RE BAD... BUT NOW YOU'RE JUST PATHETIC!
I WON'T DO IT! IF YOU LIVE, I'M SURE YOU CAN--

NO!! I C-CAN'T...C-C-CONTROL IT!!
BRANCH LOST A FIGHT TO A KID?
!
YEAH! TO THAT HARU GUY!
WAY TO GO, BRANCH!
BRANCH SUCKS, BRANCH SUCKS!
ぎゃははははっ
DO IT NOW, HARU!!
PLEASE!!
ぎゃはははははは
ぐっ
BRANCH...
GRIND

NO!! YOU CAN FIGHT THIS!!!
ばっ
I CAN'T ANYMORE! I'M A MACHINE, HARU!!
NO!! THERE'S STILL A MAN UNDERNEATH ALL THAT METAL!!!

FREEZE
キィィィィ....
Huff!
Huff!
Hah!
IT... IT STOPPED!
ヘナ
ヘナ...
NNH!
NGH!
DAMN YOU, BG.
YOU'RE NOT A MACHINE, BRANCH.
YOU'RE STILL A HUMAN-- I SWEAR IT!
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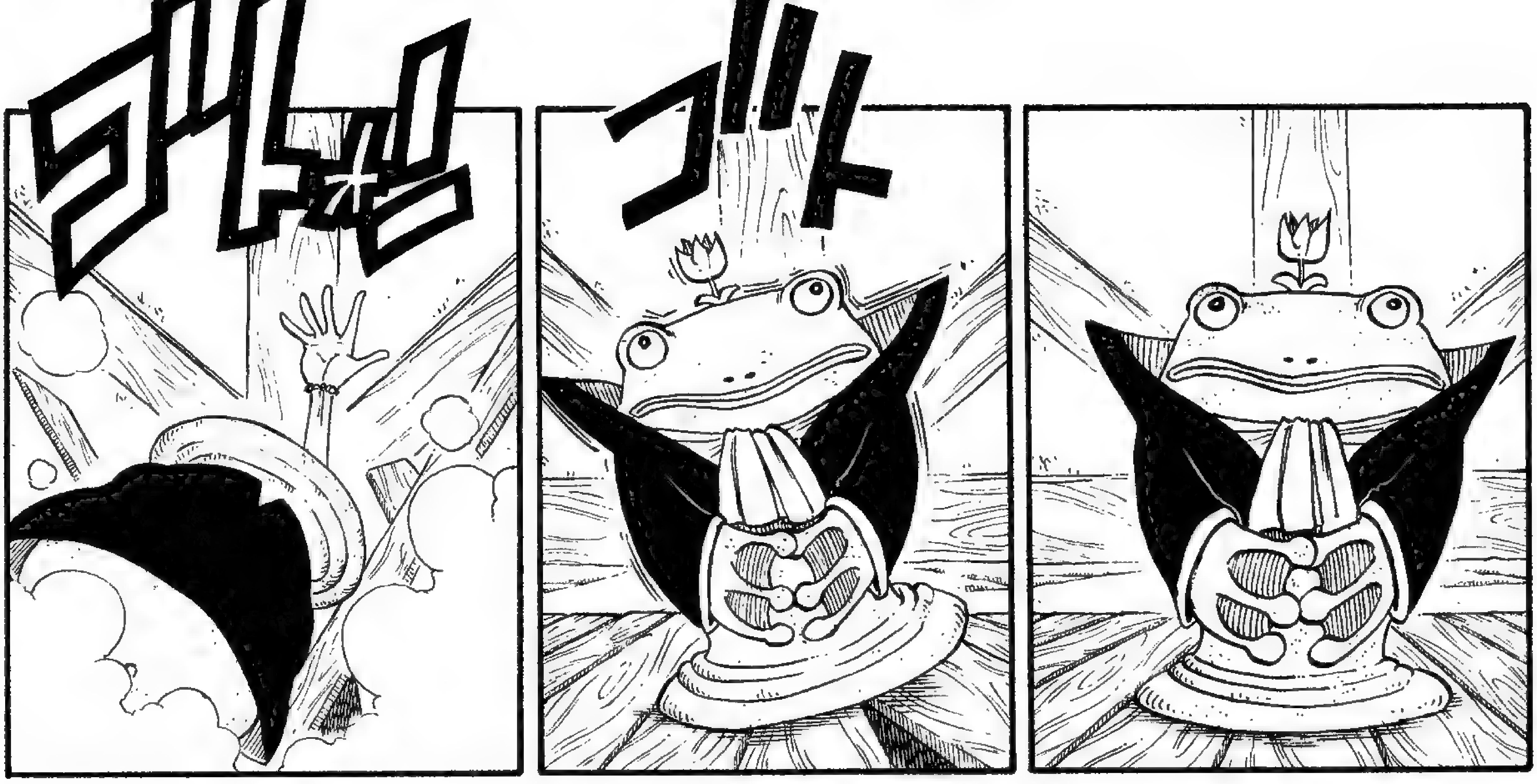
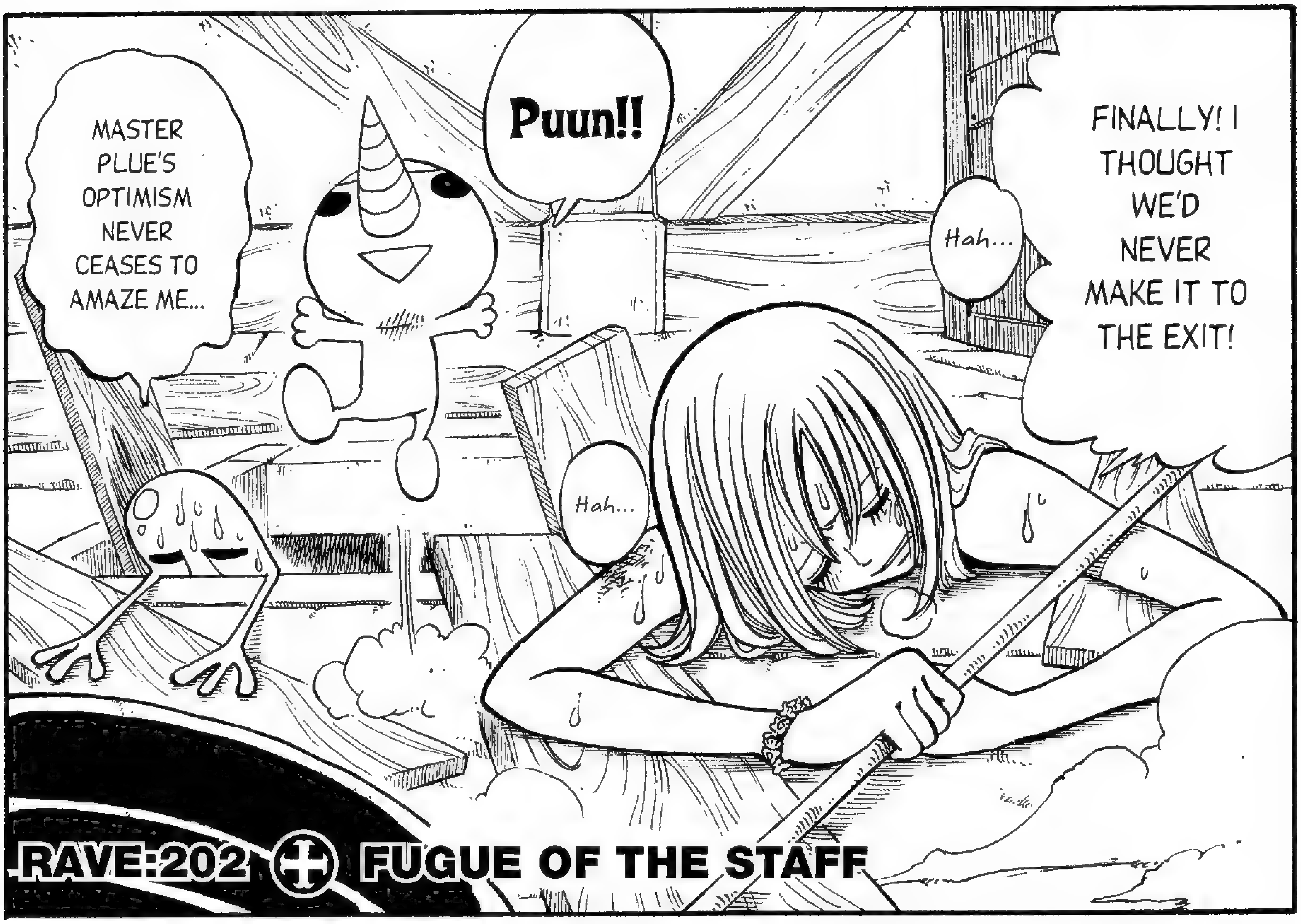
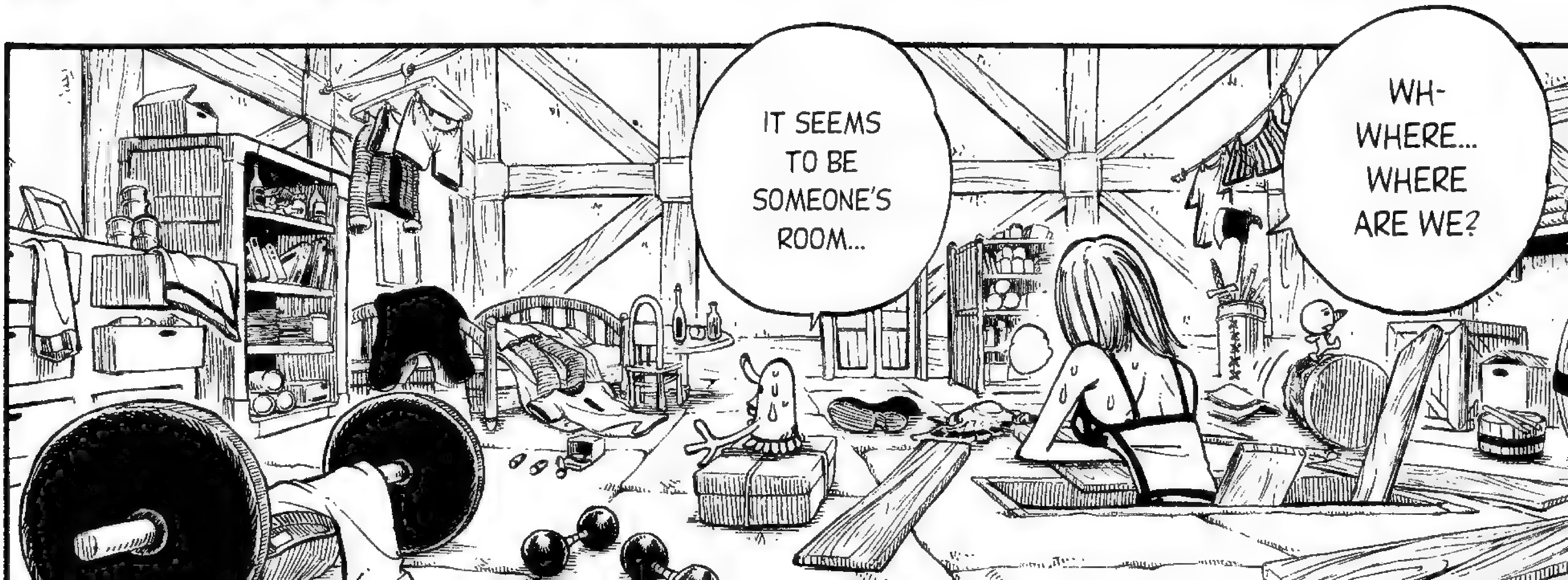
ゴゴゴ

RAVE MASTER




MASTER PLUE'S OPTIMISM NEVER CEASES TO AMAZE ME...
Puun!!
Hah...
FINALLY! I THOUGHT WE'D NEVER MAKE IT TO THE EXIT!
Hah...

RAVE:202 ✚ FUGUE OF THE STAFF


IT SEEMS TO BE SOMEONE'S ROOM...
WH-WHERE... WHERE ARE WE?

FiBeR
PLAY BoM!
BOD
YIKES.
I DON'T THINK SHE'D FIT INTO THIS.
I BET THAT'S DADDY'S!
HOW COULD YOU THINK A GIRL LIVED HERE?!
I KNOW! IT MUST BE NAGISA'S ROOM!
!
も
こ
YOU SHOULDN'T PUSH YOURSELF WITH A WOUND LIKE THAT.
IT'S OKAY-- I'M FINE, REALLY.
HMM... THEN THE PLACE WHERE WE FOUND THAT STAFF...
...IS CONNECTED TO DADDY'S ROOM.
OW.
!

YOU CAN'T RUN, YES!
NOT AGAIN!!
JEEZ! FOR A TEDDY BEAR, YOU'RE AWFULLY PUSHY!
ガタ
ガタ
I...CAN'T STAND!
FINE!! IF THAT'S HOW YOU WANT IT...
...THEN THAT'S HOW I'LL GIVE IT!!

ギギギ
TRY SOME MORE MAGIC!!!
WHAT THE...?
ドドドド
VERSION FIVE HAS A MAGIC COATING, YES.
MAGIC WON'T WORK ON IT, YES.

AGH!!
カラン
MISS ELIE!!
I'LL TAKE THE STAFF...THAT'S WHAT THE CAPTAIN'S REALLY AFTER.
Yes.
NO NEED TO KILL YOU, NOW.
C-CAN'T... M-MOVE!
KRRREEEEEEEEE
ばた
ばた
BUT... I WOULD RATHER KILL YOU NOW, YES.
OR...PERHAPS I SHOULD TURN YOU INTO A MACHINE?
WHAT?!

I ALREADY TRIED IT WITH BRANCH, YES.
IT WAS VERY INTERESTING... YES.
......
YOU MEAN...YOU TURNED HIM INTO A MACHINE?!
THAT'S TERRIBLE!!
BRANCH WAS VERY WEAK...
...BUT MODIFYING HIM MADE HIM STRONGER, YES.
UGH!!
EVEN IF IT'S ONLY FOR SCRAP METAL...AT LEAST HE'S A LITTLE USEFUL NOW.
I'M AMAZING, YES.
YOU'RE WEAK, TOO... BUT NOT FOR LONG, YES.
THIS IS FUN, YES?
HUMANS ARE SO FRAGILE.

YOU'RE WRONG!!!
ドゴォン!!!
TH- THAT'S...
...THE RAVE MASTER! YES!!

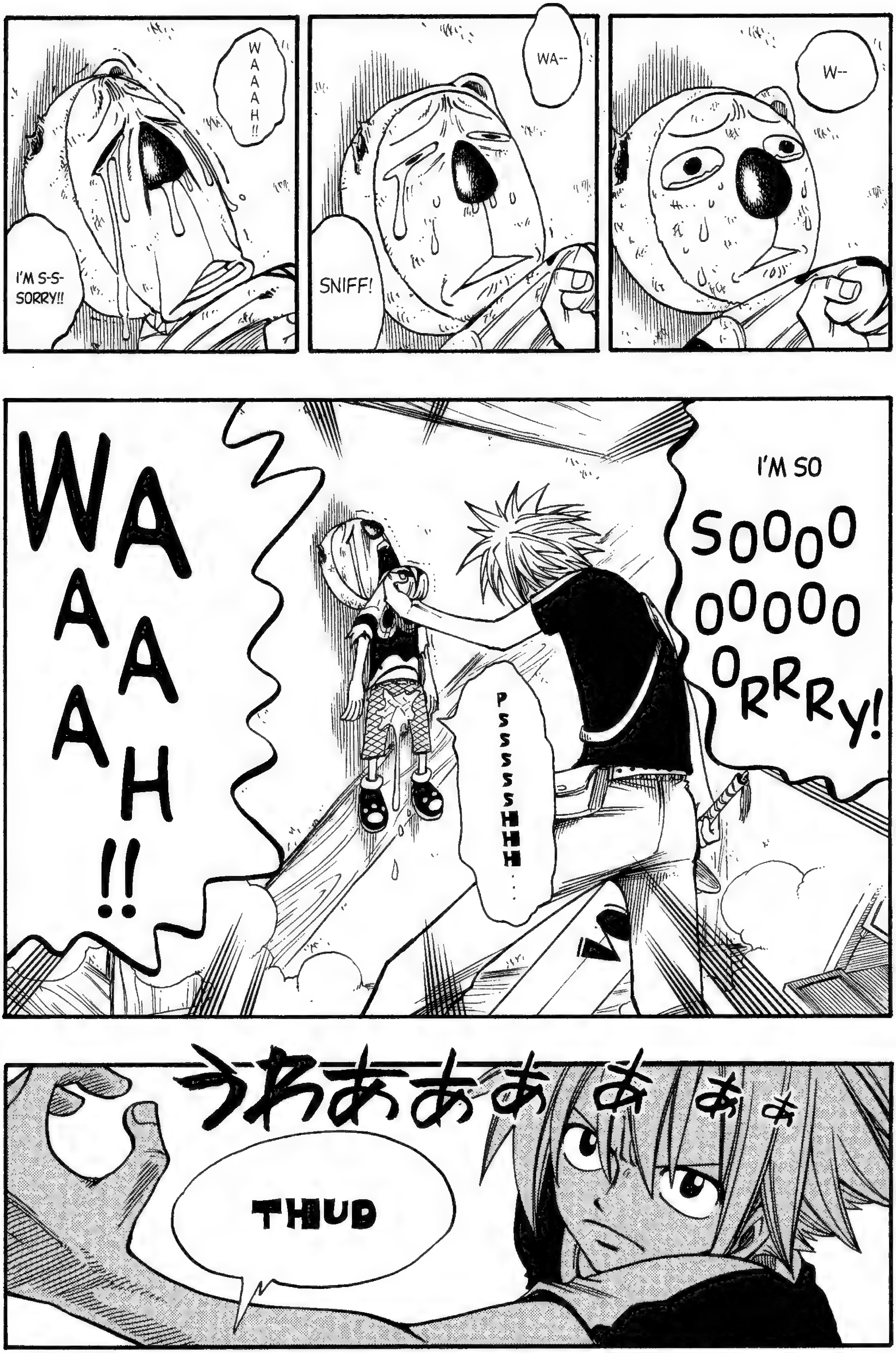
HARU!!!
MASTER HARU!!
Puun!!
I'M NOT WRONG! HUMANS CAN'T BE REPAIRED LIKE MACHINES!
WATCH ME BREAK YOUR BONES, YES!
A PERSON CAN FIGHT WITH **BROKEN BONES**...
...AS LONG AS HIS OR HER **HEART'S WHOLE!!!**

THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS TO BE HUMAN!!!
YES!!
CLENCH
YOU... YOU BROKE VERSION FIVE!
NOW...NOW I'M **ANGRY**, YES!

ガシャ
ガシャン
ガシャッ
ガシャン
TAP
MASTER HARU, LOOK OUT!
HIS MACHINE WILL BE FIXED SOON!
LEAP
ズバババババ
ドガァ!!!
N-NO!
THAT'S NOT FAI--
ぐい
WAAH!!

!!!!
CHANGE HIM BACK!!!
TURN HIM BACK TO WHAT HE WAS BEFORE!!
YOU HEAR ME?! CHANGE. BRANCH. BACK.
I-I...C-CAN'T...
Y-YOU'RE... HURTING...
HARU...

YOU'LL KNOW WHEN I'M HURTING YOU. SO YOU CAN TURN A MAN INTO A MACHINE-- BUT NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND?!
Y-YES...
THEN WHY'D YOU DO IT?!
YOU KNEW YOU COULDN'T CHANGE HIM BACK!!!
SO YOU KNOW WHAT COMES NEXT, RIGHT?
YOU JUST EARNED YOURSELF SOME PAYBACK.


W--
WA--
SNIFF!
WAAAAH!!
I'M S-S-SORRY!!
I'M SO SOOOOOOOOOOORRRY!
PSSSSSHHH...
WAAAAH!!
うわああああああぁ
THUD

YOU'RE THE WEAKLING HERE. GOT THAT?
DON'T YOU DARE CALL BRANCH WEAK.
とぼ…
とぼ…
SNAG

びええええん
HEY--!!
ガシャ
ガシャ
ガシャ
ガシャ
ガシャ
ガシャ
ひょいっ
WAIT A SECOND!
ドギュウウウウウウ
WAIT!!
FOOSH
ELIE... LET HIM GO.

BUT HE TOOK THE STAFF WITH HIM!!
IT'S IMPORTANT! WE NEED IT BACK!
HUH?! ELIE, WAIT!!
!
H- HARU...
がしゃ
がしゃ
BRANCH!
WHAT? WHAT IS IT?!
HARU... SOMETHING AWFUL HAS HAPPENED!
WHAT?

WAIT UP, YOU STUPID BEAR!
たーっ
たっ たっ
どくっ
OW!
WHAT'S WRONG, GIRLIE?
どたたた
DADDY! GREAT TIMING!
WHY IS MY HOUSE ON FIRE?!
WE FOUND A STAFF UNDER THE HIDEOUT...
...BUT THAT TEDDY BEAR GUY STOLE IT!
WAS IT IMPORTANT?
!!!

STAFF?!
YOU MEAN... YOU TOOK IT OUT?!
WELL, YEAH. IS THAT BAD?
IT FELT LIKE IT WAS... MINE.
AH!!
I'M S-SORRY! I D-DIDN'T MEAN TO JUST T-TAKE IT!
YOU...YOU PULLED IT OUT?
がしっ
HUH?
ANSWER ME!!
びく
NOD
びくっびく

!!!
ガチャ
BRANCH... ARE YOU S-SURE...?

RAVE MASTER

RAVE:203 ✚ DEVILISH BOOM

M-M-MURDERER!!!
AAAAAH!!
MISS ELIE!!!
DADD-- I MEAN, YUMA! HOW COULD YOU?!
THE HORROR!!
HOW COULD YOU SHOOT ELIE JUST FOR HAVING THAT STAFF?!
THIS IS UNFORGIVABLE!!
HUH?
OH.
ドドドドドド
ポカポカポカ

I SAW IT! YOU SHOT MISS ELIE!
LOOK... JUST HOLD ON.
LISTEN TO ME!
SHE HAS ETHERION-- Right?
WHAT OF IT?!
ONLY ETHERION USERS CAN FREE THE STAFF!
SO?! THAT'S NO REASON TO KILL HER!!
KOALA GOT IT WRONG...
IT'S NOT THE STAFF OR THE GIRL HARDNER WANTS...
IT'S BOTH.
THEY'RE EACH USELESS WITHOUT THE OTHER.
IT HAS THE POWER TO SHAKE THE ENTIRE WORLD.
BUT IT CAN ONLY BE USED BY ONE GIRL.

TH-THEN... THEN YOU...
KNOCKED HER OUT.
EH?
LOOK CLOSER. IT'S JUST A DART.
THIS IS A TRANQUILIZER GUN.
!!!
THEN...
MISS ELIE'S ALIVE?!
Puun!!
THANK HEAVENS!
THE ENEMY HAS MAGIC-SENSING RADAR.
WAAAAH!!
BUT IT WON'T WORK WHILE SHE'S ASLEEP. SHE'S HIDDEN FOR NOW.
SORRY TO, UH, SCARE YOU.

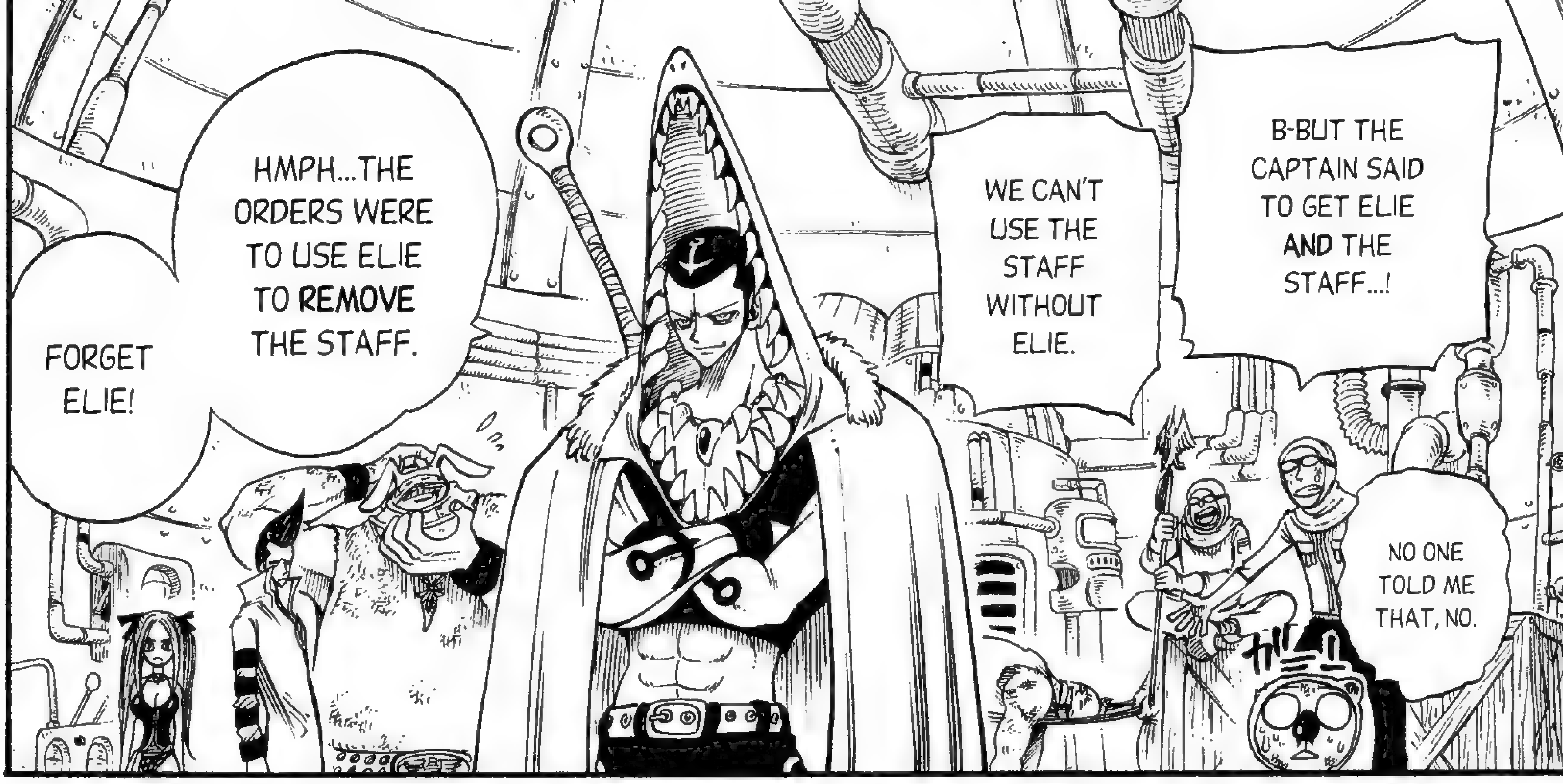
THEY CAN'T USE THE STAFF WITHOUT AN ETHERION USER.
FOR REAL?
YES.
THIS JUST KEEPS GETTING WORSE!
BG IS PLANNING TO BLOW UP THE HIDEOUT!
ガタ
ガタ
ガタ
THEY HAVE A BOMB THAT CAN DESTROY EVERYTHING HERE!
NO WAY!
IT'S TRUE...! THEY TOLD ME!
AND IT GOES OFF IN **TEN MINUTES!**
CRAP! THEN WHERE'S THE BOMB?!
カチャ
I-I DON'T KNOW!
YOU'LL NEVER FIND IT IN TIME!
YOU HAVE TO RUN!

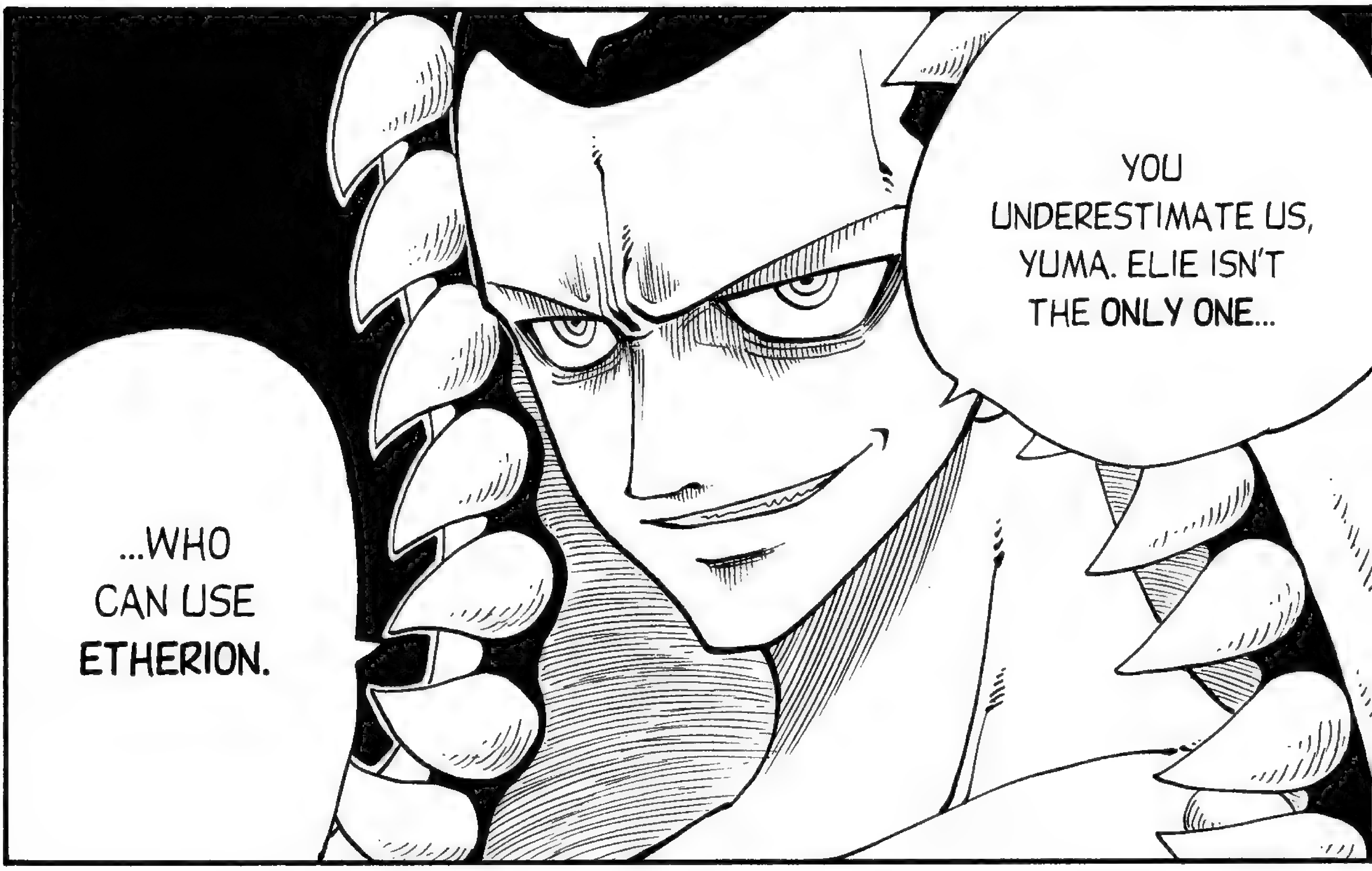
SHE MUST BE WHY THEY DIDN'T ATTACK FROM THE AIR.
WE HAVE TO GET HER SOMEPLACE SAFE...
RIGHT!!
Puun!!
パンッ
!
A SIGNAL FLARE ...?
パパパン...
WE'RE IN TROUBLE, POPS!
たったったっ
KID!!
ELIE! WHAT'S WRONG?! WAKE UP!
I'LL EXPLAIN LATER-- JUST TELL ME WHAT'S HAPPENING!
HANG IN THERE, ELIE!
FORGET HER AND TALK TO ME!
CRACK
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
DUDE! THAT'S THE SIXTH TIME TODAY!

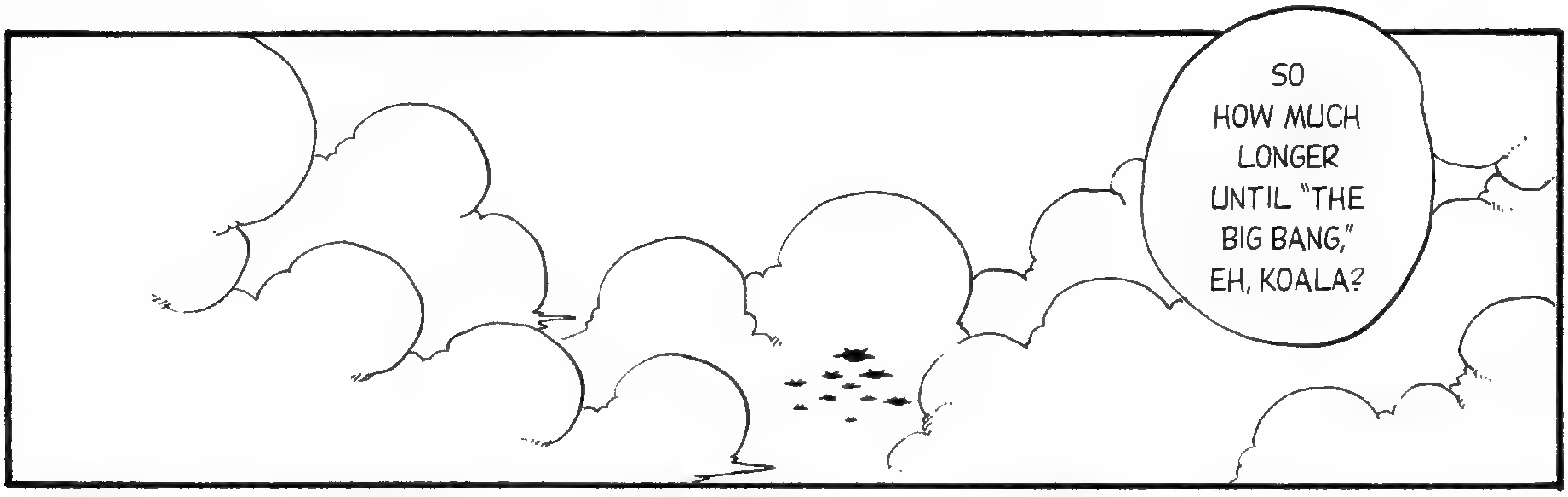
もわぁ~
A SIGNAL FLARE? WHOSE IS IT?
THAT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE THE PLAN.
IT'S A BG FLARE!
WHAT'S IT MEAN?
I DON'T KNOW.
GAAH!
AAAAH!!
さしっ

CHILL OUT, LEOPARD.
FREEZE
!!!
THAT'S THE SIGNAL.
IT'S TIME TO FALL BACK.
THERE'S NOTHING FOR US HERE.
THEY'RE FINISHED.
LET'S GO, KITTY-KAT.
ガくっ
…
I HATE ORDERS...

THEY'RE RETREATING?
OVER HERE!
LOAD UP THE WOUNDED!
LET!!
LOOK AT **THAT**, POYO!
ゴゴゴゴ…
THE ENEMY SHIPS ARE LEAVING, POYO!
THIS IS...ODD.
LORD LUKAN! ELIE'S SIGNAL VANISHED! SHOULD WE BEGIN OUR RETREAT?
ゴオオオオ…
DO IT. WE HAVE THE STAFF NOW.
THE ONLY THING LEFT IS TO DESTROY THE HIDEOUT.


B-BUT THE CAPTAIN SAID TO GET ELIE **AND** THE STAFF...!
NO ONE TOLD ME THAT, NO.
WE CAN'T USE THE STAFF WITHOUT ELIE.
HMPH...THE ORDERS WERE TO USE ELIE TO **REMOVE** THE STAFF.
FORGET ELIE!


YOU UNDERESTIMATE US, YUMA. ELIE ISN'T THE **ONLY ONE**...
...WHO CAN USE **ETHERION.**


SO HOW MUCH LONGER UNTIL "THE BIG BANG," EH, KOALA?

THREE MINUTES, SIXTEEN SECONDS!
MAN. THAT'S... REALLY EXACT.
BRANCH GAVE THIS TO ME! TAKE IT!
HUH?
WE'LL NEVER GET AWAY IN TIME!
THE ENEMY ALREADY LEFT!
......
?
THEN WE'VE GOT NO CHOICE. EVERYBODY GRAB ON TO THE SCRAP METAL!
YOU HOLD ON TO ELIE! WHATEVER YOU DO, DON'T LET GO!
SCRAP...YOU MEAN THIS STUFF ON THE GROUND?
ダッダッダッ
POPS, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!
GRAB
Liber Famil
GAUGE
Libera
GUN'S-AX

!
ANY IDEA ABOUT THAT ONE?
LIBERALE FAMILIA?
REALLY?
GUYS! GET OVER HERE-- QUICK!
?!

GRAB ON TO THE SCRAP METAL, SIS!
EXCUSE ME?
JUST HURRY!
HOLD ON TO THE WOUNDED!
EVERY-BODY GRAB THE METAL!
ドゴオオオオ
HUH?
WHAT?!
WHAT THE HECK--?!
THE METAL...
IT'S MOVING!
ゴオオオ…
ズズズ…

ドゴオオ
ゴオオオ
ズガガガ
GAAH!!
THIS IS THE LIBERALE FAMILIA...
ゴオオオ
メメオオオ
OUR AIRSHIP.
ゴゴゴゴ

AW, SNAP!!
Puun!!
HANG ON, MASTER PLUE!
IS EVERYBODY ON BOARD?
THEY SHOULD BE! MASTER DADDY SENT OUT THAT SIGNAL!
I'M TALKING ABOUT OUR FRIENDS. THEY DON'T KNOW THE SIGNAL!
I'VE GOTTA FIND THEM!
DADDY! WHAT'S GOING ON?!
THERE'S A BOMB SOMEWHERE IN THE HIDEOUT! HELP ME LOOK!
A BOMB? IS THAT WHY YOU LAUNCHED THE LIBERALE FAMILIA?!
I DIDN'T HAVE A CHOICE!

WHY ARE YOU STILL WEARING THAT...?
'CUZ IT'S SEXY.
OOH! I WANT ONE, POYO!
WE ALL MADE IT, DIDN'T WE?
WHERE'S HARU?
IT SEEMS HE'S STILL LOOKING FOR SOMEONE...
WHERE IS HE?!
HEY, YOU! STAY PUT--IT'S DANGEROUS!
WHERE'S BRANCH?!
HE DIDN'T GET ON?!
IF THIS BOMB'S BIG ENOUGH TO BLOW THE WHOLE BASE AWAY...
...THEN WHY ISN'T IT SHOWING UP ON THE SENSORS?
WAS IT A TRICK?!
!
NO--I'VE GOT IT! THE BOMB'S BEEN DETECTED!

CAN YOU HEAR ME, HARU?
NAGISA?
THE BOMB'S ON THE GROUND! I REPEAT, THE BOMB'S ON THE GROUND! WE'RE GONNA BE OKAY!
THE GROUND?
ざわ ざわ
BOMB?
WHAT THE...?
?
たっ たっ たっ
HEY, KID! DON'T RUN ON THE BOW!
You'll fall!
"CRAP! THEN WHERE'S THE BOMB?!"
NO...
"I-I DON'T KNOW!"
NO, DAMMIT!
"YOU'LL NEVER FIND IT IN TIME! YOU HAVE TO RUN!"

HARU...
I KNOW I'M A LOSER.
BRANCH!!
WHERE ARE YOU, BRANCH?!
BUT IF I'D HAD...
...JUST A LITTLE MORE TIME...
TICK
TICK
TICK
TICK
SHOCK-WAVE'S COMING! FULL-SPEED AHEAD!
HANG ON, SCUMBAGS!
BLUE GUARDIANS!!
WHY WOULD...?! HOW COULD...?!

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NOOOOOOOOOOOOO!!
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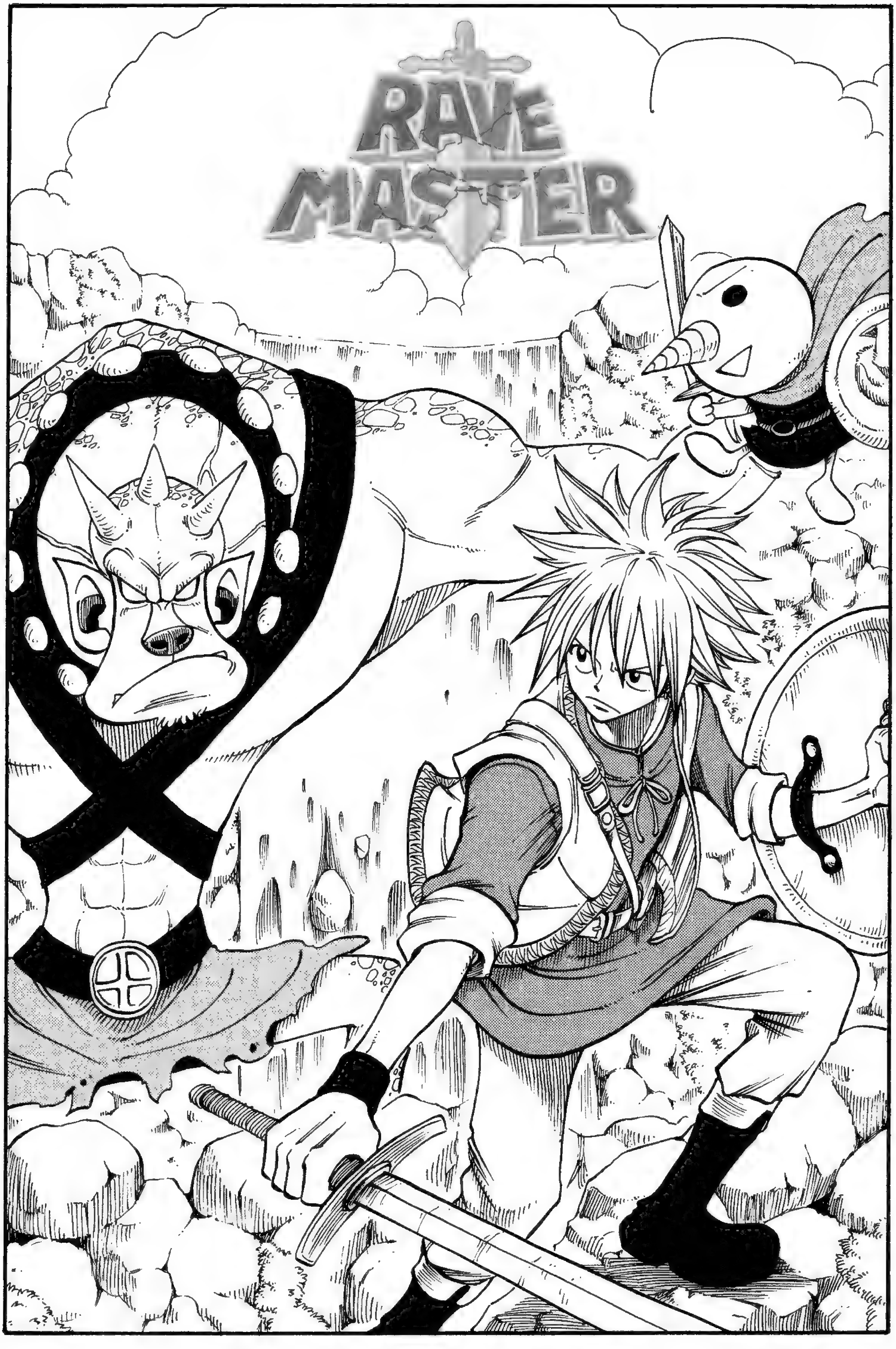
...I THINK I WOULD'VE LIKED HAVING A FRIEND.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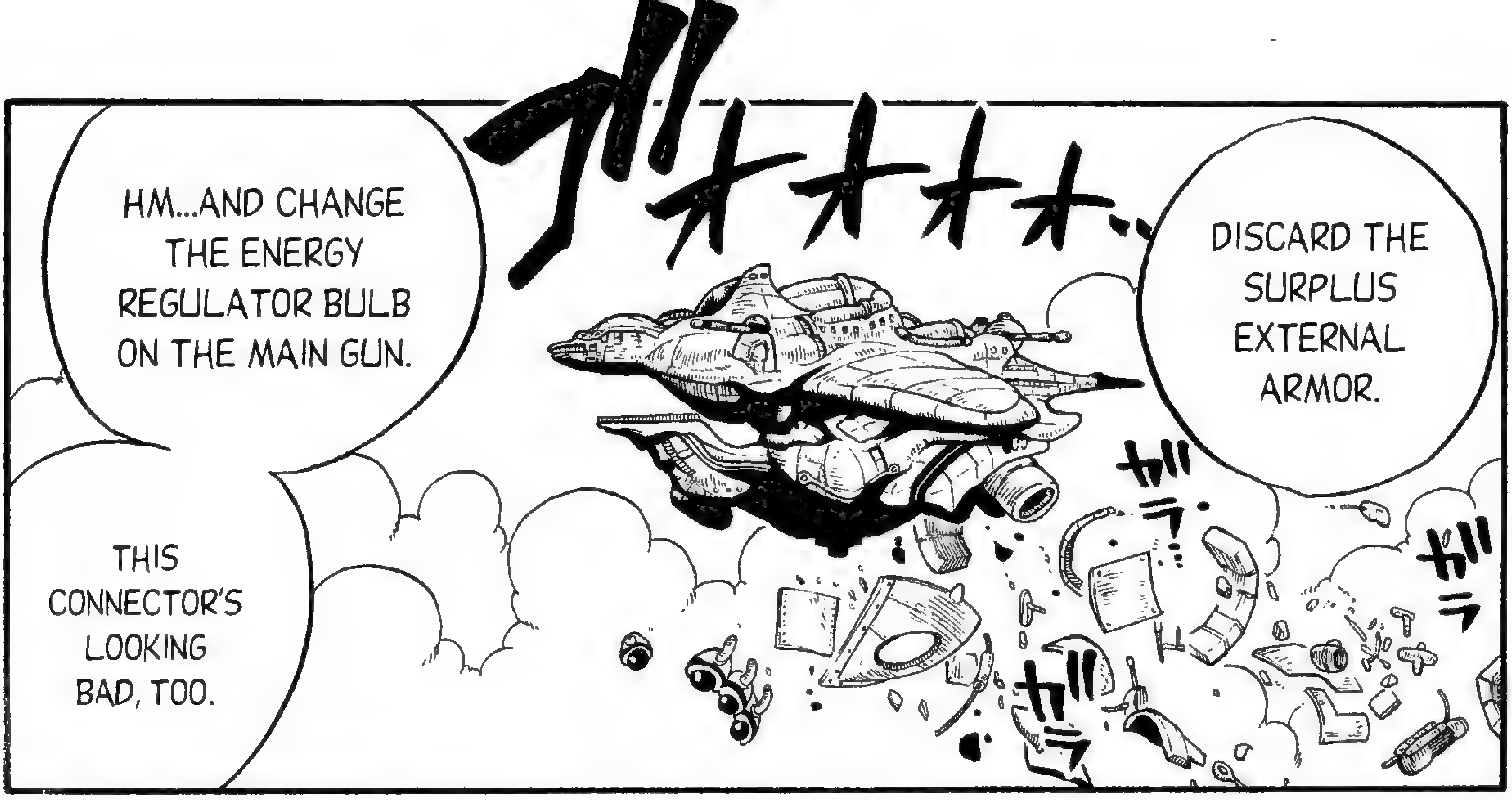
RAVE:204 ✠ VAGRANT FUTURE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DISCARD THE SURPLUS EXTERNAL ARMOR.
HM...AND CHANGE THE ENERGY REGULATOR BULB ON THE MAIN GUN.
THIS CONNECTOR'S LOOKING BAD, TOO.
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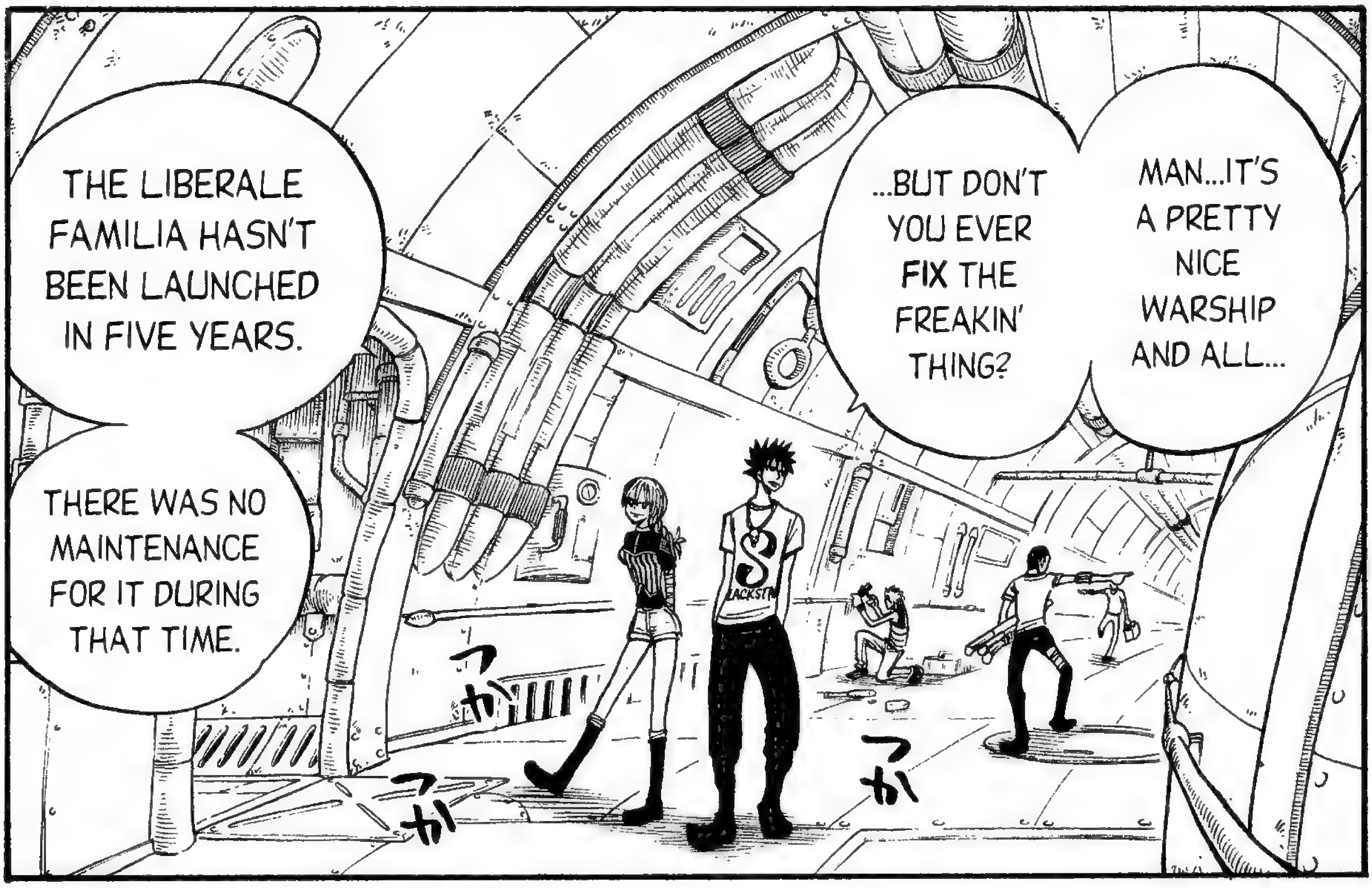
MAN...IT'S A PRETTY NICE WARSHIP AND ALL...
...BUT DON'T YOU EVER **FIX** THE FREAKIN' THING?
THE LIBERALE FAMILIA HASN'T BEEN LAUNCHED IN FIVE YEARS.
THERE WAS NO MAINTENANCE FOR IT DURING THAT TIME.
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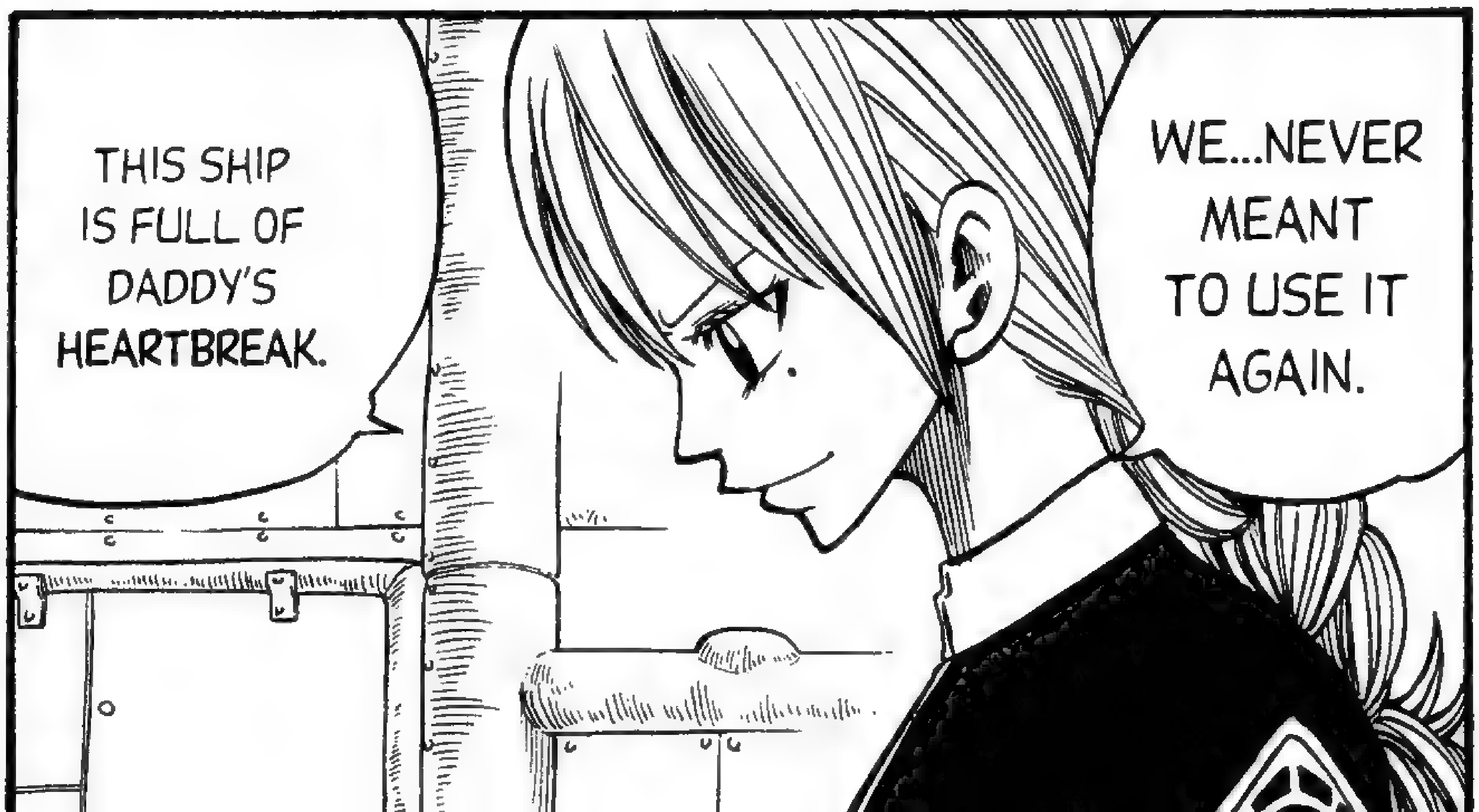
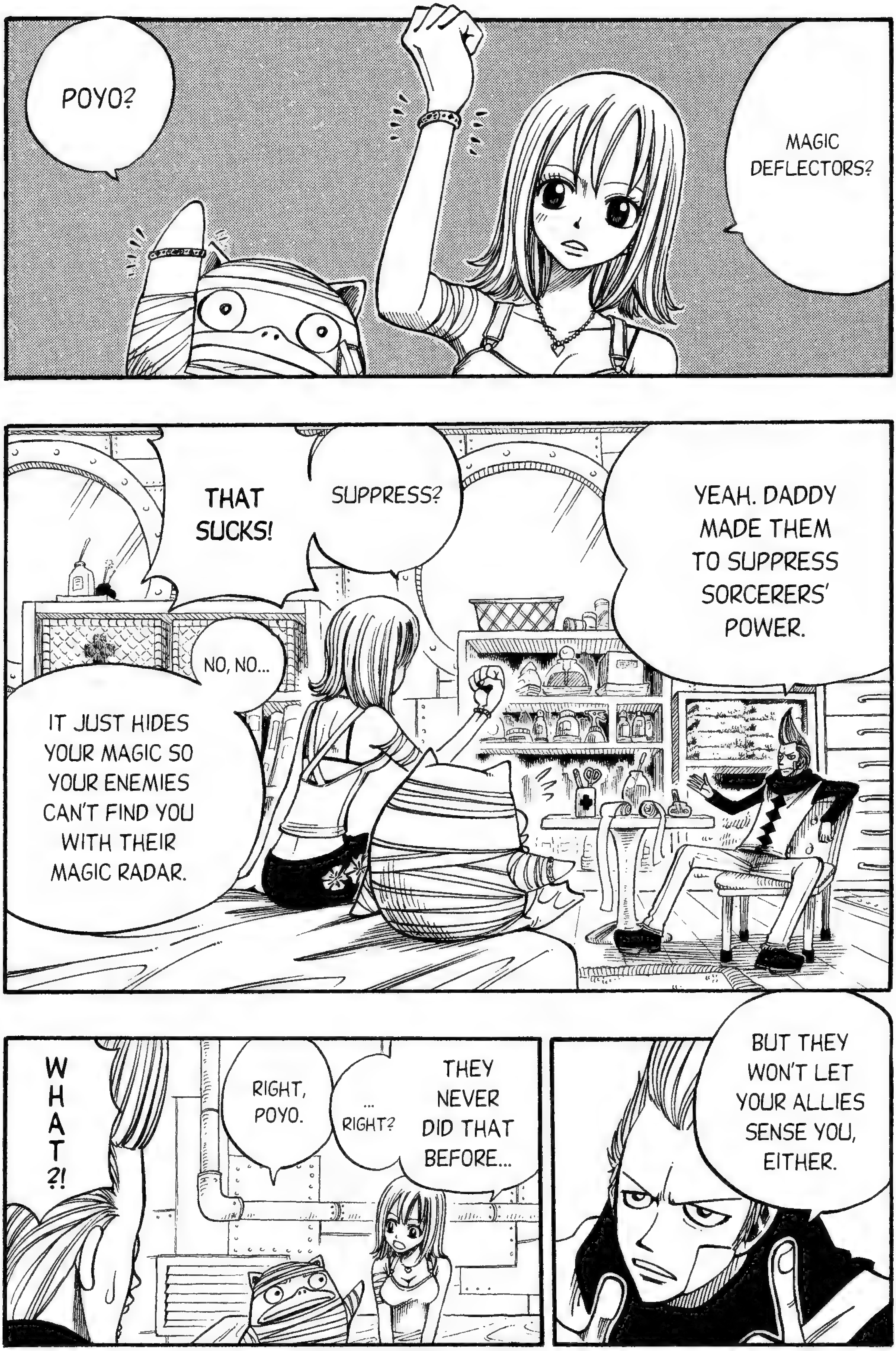
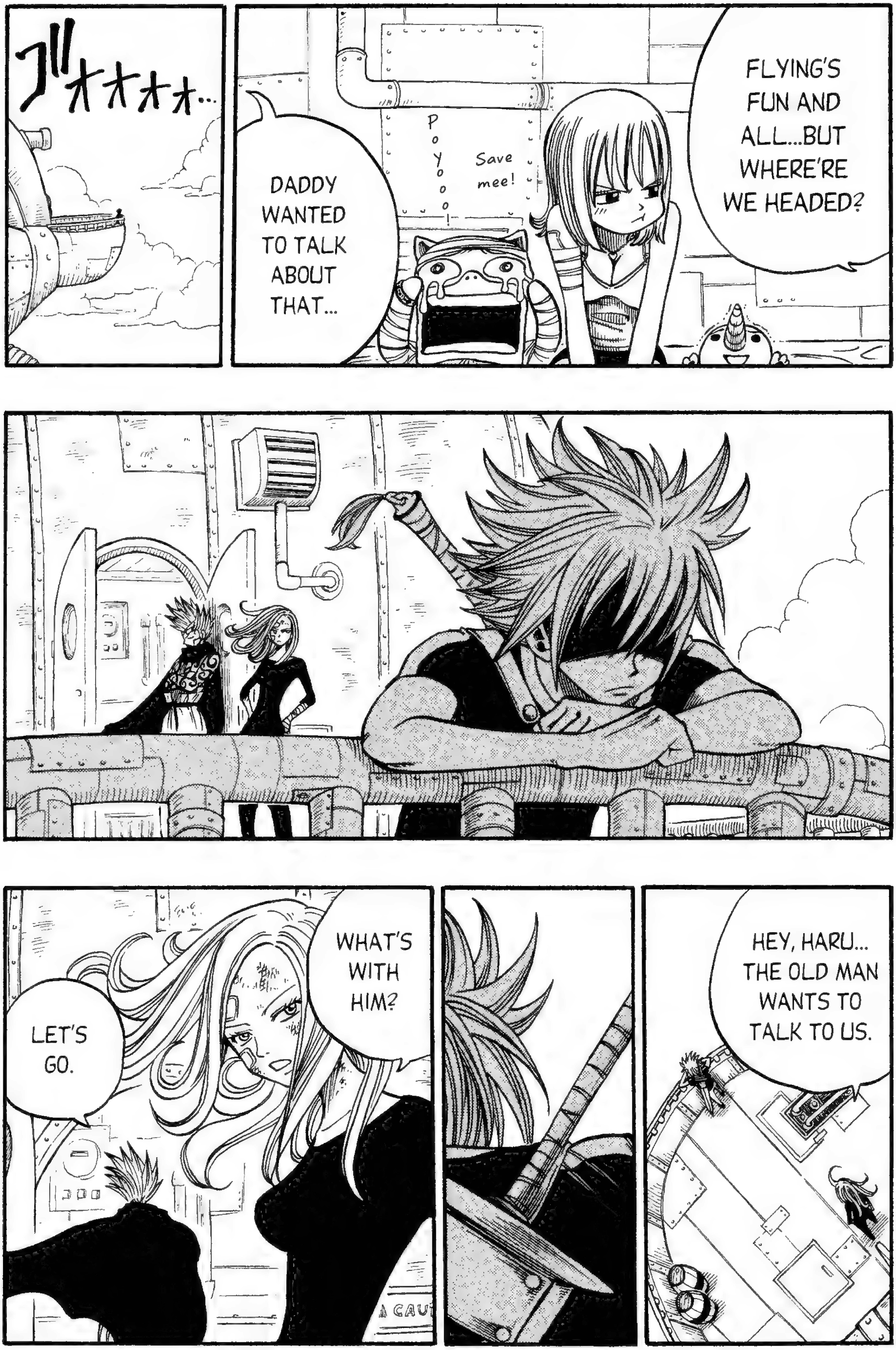

WE...NEVER MEANT TO USE IT AGAIN.
THIS SHIP IS FULL OF DADDY'S **HEARTBREAK.**


MAGIC DEFLECTORS?
POYO?
YEAH. DADDY MADE THEM TO SUPPRESS SORCERERS' POWER.
SUPPRESS?
THAT SUCKS!
NO, NO...
IT JUST HIDES YOUR MAGIC SO YOUR ENEMIES CAN'T FIND YOU WITH THEIR MAGIC RADAR.
RIGHT, POYO.
... RIGHT?
THEY NEVER DID THAT BEFORE...
BUT THEY WON'T LET YOUR ALLIES SENSE YOU, EITHER.
WHAT?!

BUT CAN'T SORCERERS SENSE EACH OTHERS' POWER?!
I READ THAT IN A BOOK...!
NO WAY, POYO.
SENSE POWER?
WELL...
...ACTUALLY, I THOUGHT I FELT SIEG ONCE.
I STILL THINK THAT WAS LOVE, POYO.
NO WAY! YOU FELT IT TOO, REMEMBER?!
I FORGET, POYO.
THEN YOU HAVE AMNESIA LIKE ME?!
I DO, POYO?!
......
CREAK
THANKS FOR THE TOUR. This ship's pretty cool.
NO PROBLEM.
MUSICA, COME QUICK! RUBY HAS AMNESIA!
SAVE ME, POYO!!
YEEEAH. WHATEVER YOU SAY...


FLYING'S FUN AND ALL...BUT WHERE'RE WE HEADED?
DADDY WANTED TO TALK ABOUT THAT...
Poyoooo!
Save mee!
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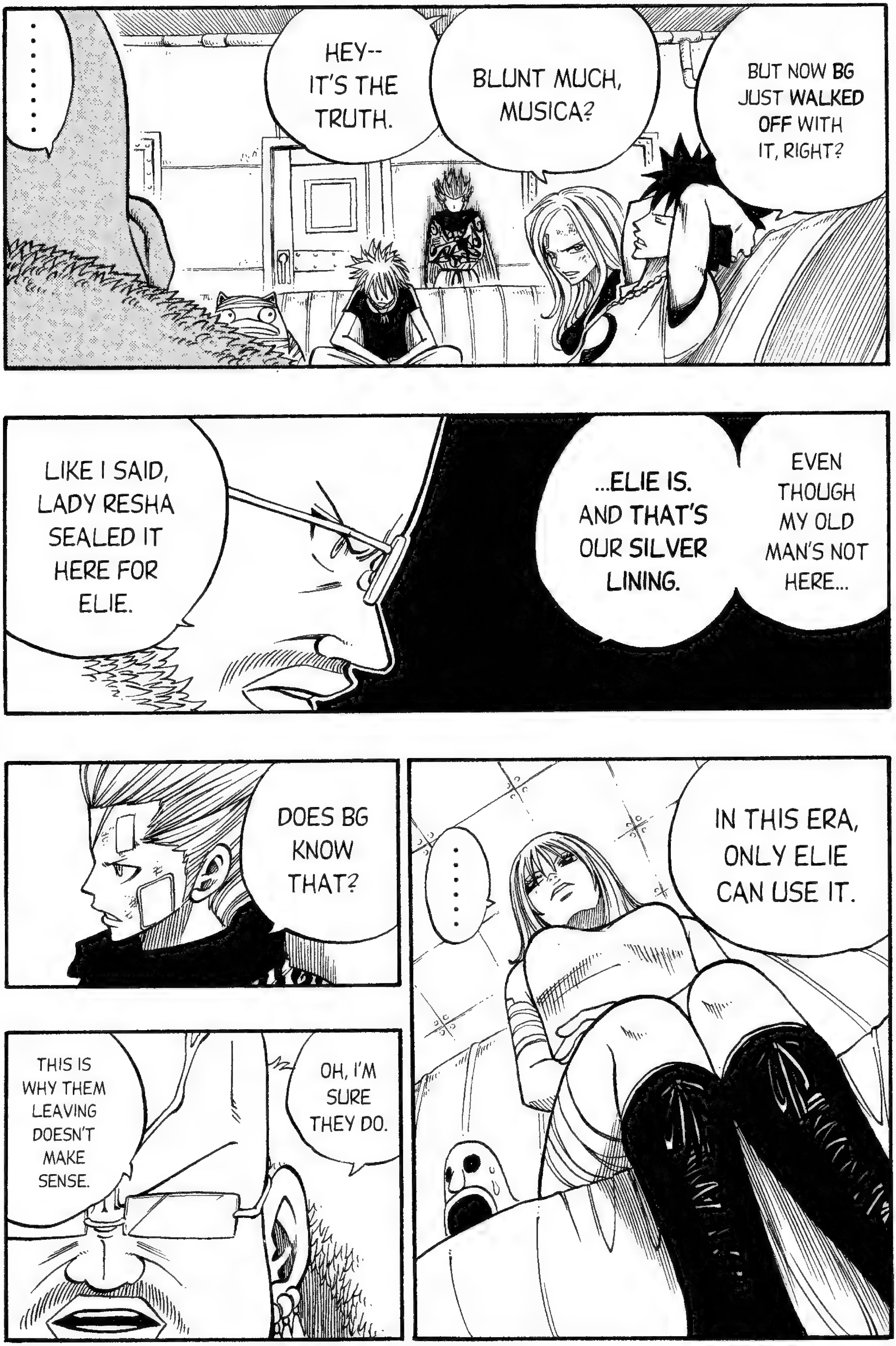
HEY, HARU... THE OLD MAN WANTS TO TALK TO US.
WHAT'S WITH HIM?
LET'S GO.
CAUT

THE TIME-SPACE STAFF...
...WAS LEFT BEHIND WHEN LADY RESHA SEALED ETHERION HERE.
THAT'S BEEN ABOUT FIFTY YEARS AGO NOW.
AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT MY OLD MAN TOLD ME, ANYWAY.

SO IT IS RESHA'S STAFF...!
WHAT'S YOUR CONNECTION TO RESHA?
NOTHING MUCH, REALLY.
MY OLD MAN, HASH ANSECTO, WAS A SYMPHONIA ARMY CAPTAIN.
WHEN HE WAS WOUNDED, THEY SENT HIM BACK HERE TO PROTECT THE STAFF.
HE HATED BEING AWAY FROM THE FRONT, AND THE WAR ENDED WHILE HE WAS STUCK HERE.
WITH THE OVERDRIVE...THERE WAS NO VICTORY OR DEFEAT, JUST COMPLETE DESTRUCTION.
BUT HE STILL PROTECTED THE STAFF.
THE EMPIRE MAY HAVE VANISHED, BUT HIS LOYALTY DIDN'T.
HE RAISED ME TO SEE THAT. AND AFTER HE DIED...
...HE PASSED THAT DUTY ON TO ME.


BUT NOW BG JUST WALKED OFF WITH IT, RIGHT?
BLUNT MUCH, MUSICA?
HEY-- IT'S THE TRUTH.
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EVEN THOUGH MY OLD MAN'S NOT HERE...
...ELIE IS. AND THAT'S OUR SILVER LINING.
LIKE I SAID, LADY RESHA SEALED IT HERE FOR ELIE.
IN THIS ERA, ONLY ELIE CAN USE IT.
......
DOES BG KNOW THAT?
OH, I'M SURE THEY DO.
THIS IS WHY THEM LEAVING DOESN'T MAKE SENSE.

I WAS SURE THEY WERE AFTER ELIE AND THE STAFF.
WHEN THEY TOOK THE STAFF, I TRIED TO HIDE HER...
...BUT THEY ATTACKED THE FORTRESS ANYWAY.
THEY **KNEW** ELIE WAS IN THERE.
AND THEY **SHOULD** NEED ELIE TO USE THE STAFF.
HM...
WAIT A SEC... WHAT DOES THE STAFF DO, ANYWAY?
IT'S A MAGIC STAFF.
IT MUST BE MORE THAN THAT.
LADY RESHA MADE IT FOR A SPECIAL PURPOSE.
IT HAS THE POWER...

...TO SUMMON ENDLESS.

THAT'S CRAZY!!!
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WHY WOULD RESHA MAKE A STAFF THAT COULD DO THAT?!
NO FRIGGIN' WAY!!!
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN, RAVE MASTER?
!!!

DEFEATING ENDLESS REQUIRES BRINGING HIM TO STAR MEMORY.
THE STAFF WAS MADE FOR THAT PURPOSE.
ENDLESS DID NOT APPEAR IN LADY RESHA'S DAY.
FOLLOWING MY PROPHECY, SHE LEFT THE STAFF FOR THIS ERA...
...TO DEFEAT ENDLESS, FIFTY YEARS IN THE FUTURE.
WE'VE **GOTTA** GET THAT STAFF **BACK!**
WE KNOW, WE KNOW! **SETTLE DOWN**, WILL YOU?!
WE **STILL** DON'T KNOW WHAT BG'S PLANNING!
WHY DO THEY WANNA **CALL ENDLESS...**
...AND **HOW** CAN THEY USE THE **STAFF?**

WHATEVER THEY PLAN... THEY ARE FOOLS NONETHELESS.
ENDLESS IS NOT A POWER THAT CAN BE CONTROLLED.
THE SPACE-TIME STAFF WILL ONLY BRING DESTRUCTION.
WE WON'T... LET 'EM.
NO MORE TRAGEDY.
IF THEY WANT MORE DESTRUCTION...
...THEN WE'RE JUST GONNA STOP 'EM...
NO MORE SACRIFICES.
OKAY?

IT'S TIME TO END THIS FOR GOOD!!!
HARU...
LET'S GO.

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BG Assault Cruiser IBIS
BEEP SHH
WE'VE SUCCESSFULLY DESTROYED THE RESISTANCE HIDEOUT.
NOW RETURNING TO FORTRESS ALBATROSS.
GOOD WORK. WE'LL MEET YOU AT ALBATROSS.
WAS THE RAVE MASTER DESTROYED AS WELL?
UNFORTUNATELY, THE LIBERALE FAMILIA ESCAPED THE BLAST.
WE JUST SENT A PURSUIT TEAM AFTER THEM.

THIS SURE DOESN'T SOUND LIKE IT WAS A SUCCESS, LUKAN.
MAYBE NOT A COMPLETE ONE... BUT WE DO HAVE THE STAFF THE CAPTAIN ORDERED US TO GET.
FINE. JUST BE SURE TO BRING LIBERALE FAMILIA DOWN.
TO HARDNER, THAT SHIP--
CARRIES HEART-BREAK?
Heh...
THE CAPTAIN DWELLS TOO MUCH ON THE PAST.
BUT I'LL HANDLE IT.
OVER.
....
THAT SONOFA--!!
HOW **DARE** HE **SPEAK** TO LADY LUNAR THAT WAY! SHE'S HIS **SUPERIOR**!

ENOUGH.
THE ACTIONS OF SIX GUARD...
...WILL SPREAD EVEN GREATER TERROR IN THE FUTURE.
LOOK--EVEN THINKING OF IT MAKES ME TREMBLE.
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WE'LL REPAINT HISTORY WITH THE POWER OF ENDLESS!
WE'LL HARNESS THE GREAT KING OF OBLIVION!!

JELLY-BONE?
YES?
HOW LONG UNTIL WE REACH AL-- LORD HARDNER'S FORTRESS?
APPROXIMATELY SIX HOURS, ACCORDING TO LADY LUNAR.
BG Doctor-- Jellybone
YOU SHOULD REST FOR A WHILE, LADY BELNIKA.
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SIX HOURS... HUH.
IN THAT CASE...
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L-LADY BELNIKA!
ZIP
LET'S TRY IT ONE MORE TIME.
I'M OFF TO THE TESTING CHAMBER.
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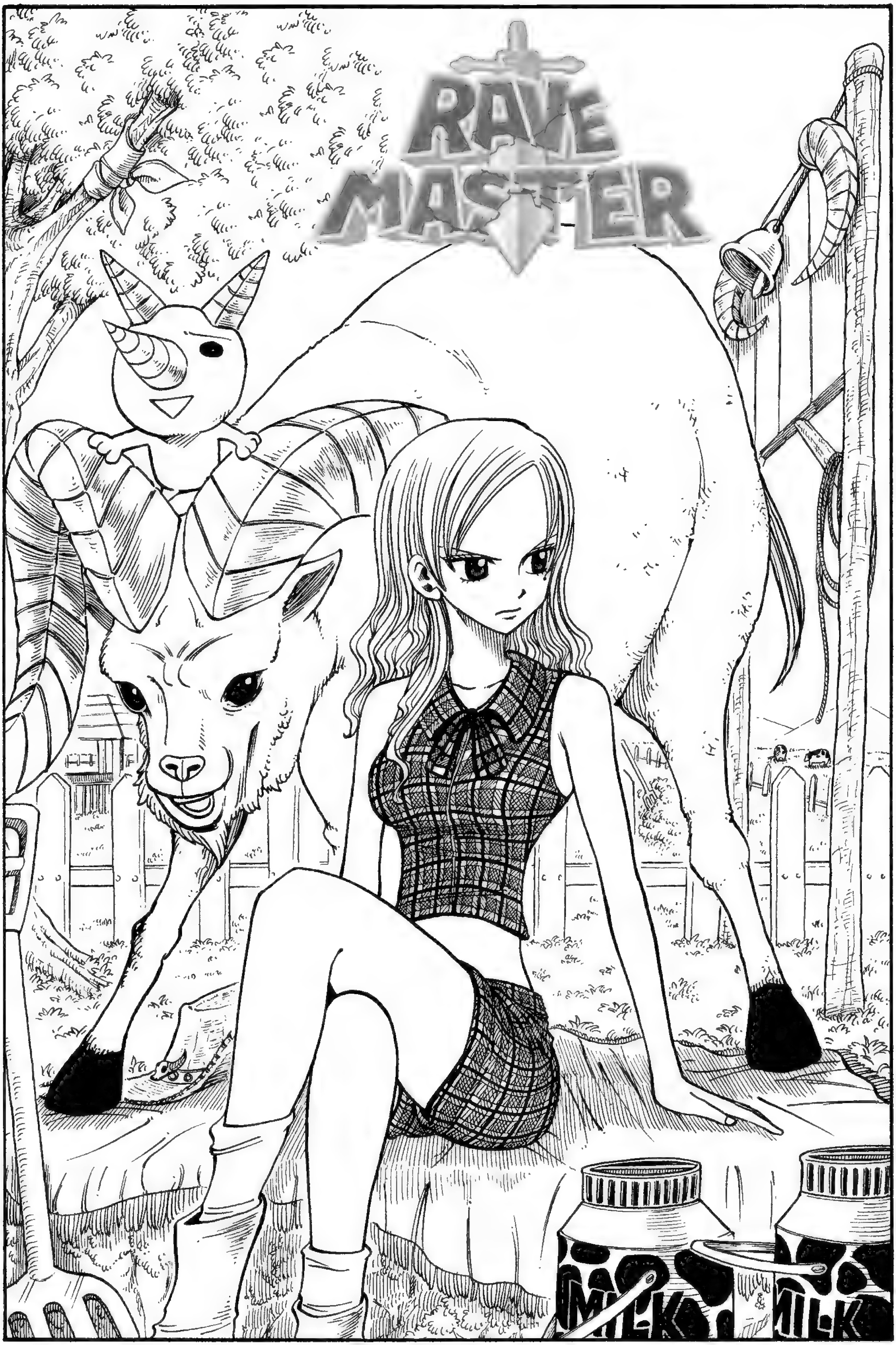
Y-YOU MUSTN'T! YOUR BODY CAN'T TAKE ANY MORE!
AS YOUR PHYSICIAN, I FORBID IT!
I MUST BE PERFECT BEFORE MEETING LORD HARDNER.
YOU'VE ALREADY REACHED PERFECTION!
YOU'VE BEEN TESTED 700 TIMES! YOUR BODY CAN'T HANDLE MORE SHOCK!
I DON'T SUFFER FROM PHYSICAL PAIN.
THE ONLY THING THAT TROUBLES ME...

...IS THAT MY ETHERION DOESN'T YET SURPASS ELIE'S.
BG-Possessor of Etherion?
BELNIKA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RAVE:205 ✚ TRIANGLE OF FATE?!

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LADY LUNAR, IT'S AN EMERGENCY!
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WHAT IS IT?!
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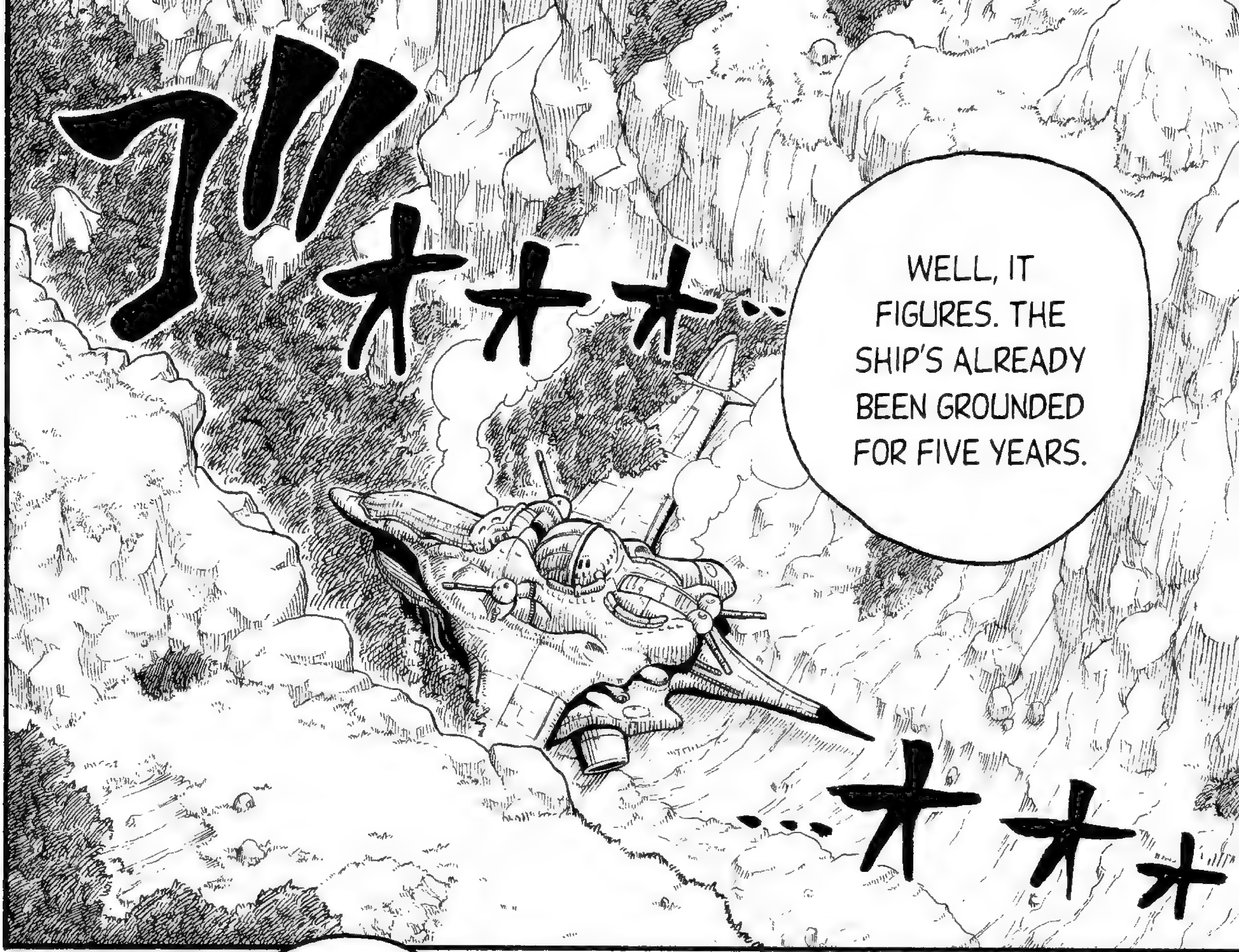
LADY BELNIKA!!
Hah!
Hah!
Hah!
Hah!

STAY WITH ME, MILADY!
JELLYBONE! DID THE ETHERION TEST FAIL?!
NO... IT'S THE STRESS FROM OVER-TESTING.
YOU FOOL!!!
WE'RE ONLY THREE HOURS FROM ALBATROSS!
F-FORGIVE ME...
LADY LUNAR... P-PLEASE DON'T BLAME JELLYBONE...
THIS IS M-MY FAULT...
LADY LUNAR, SHE NEEDS SOME TIME TO REST--PLEASE!
JUST GIVE LADY BELNIKA A SINGLE DAY!
SHE CAN'T MEET LORD HARDNER LIKE THIS...!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WELL, IT FIGURES. THE SHIP'S ALREADY BEEN GROUNDED FOR FIVE YEARS.
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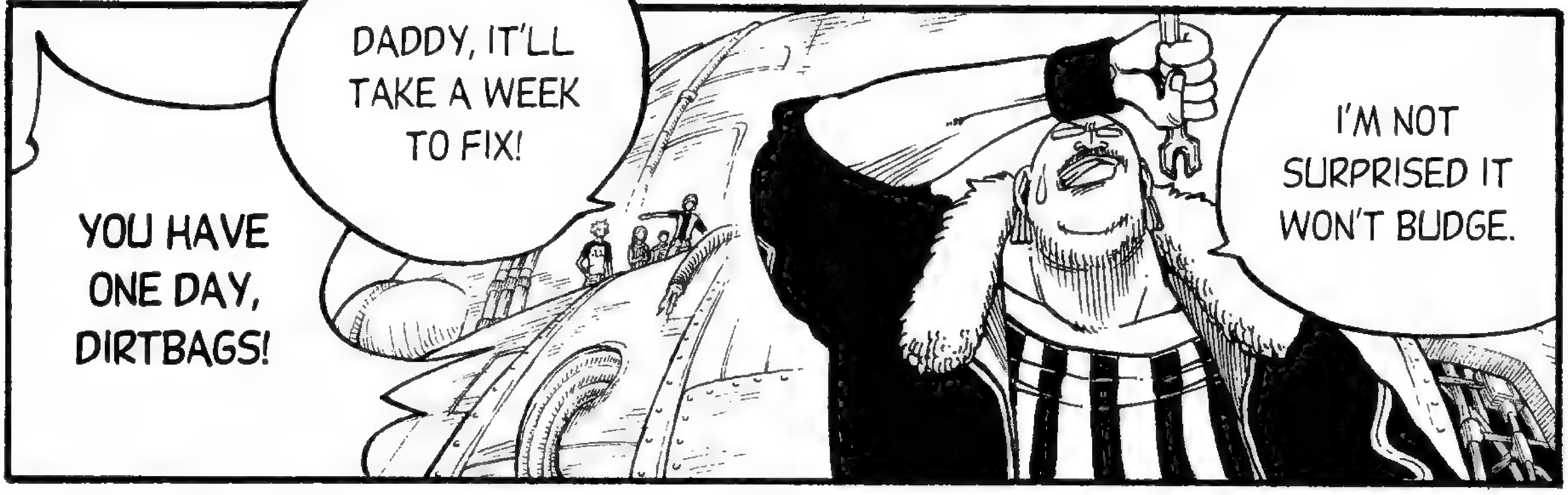
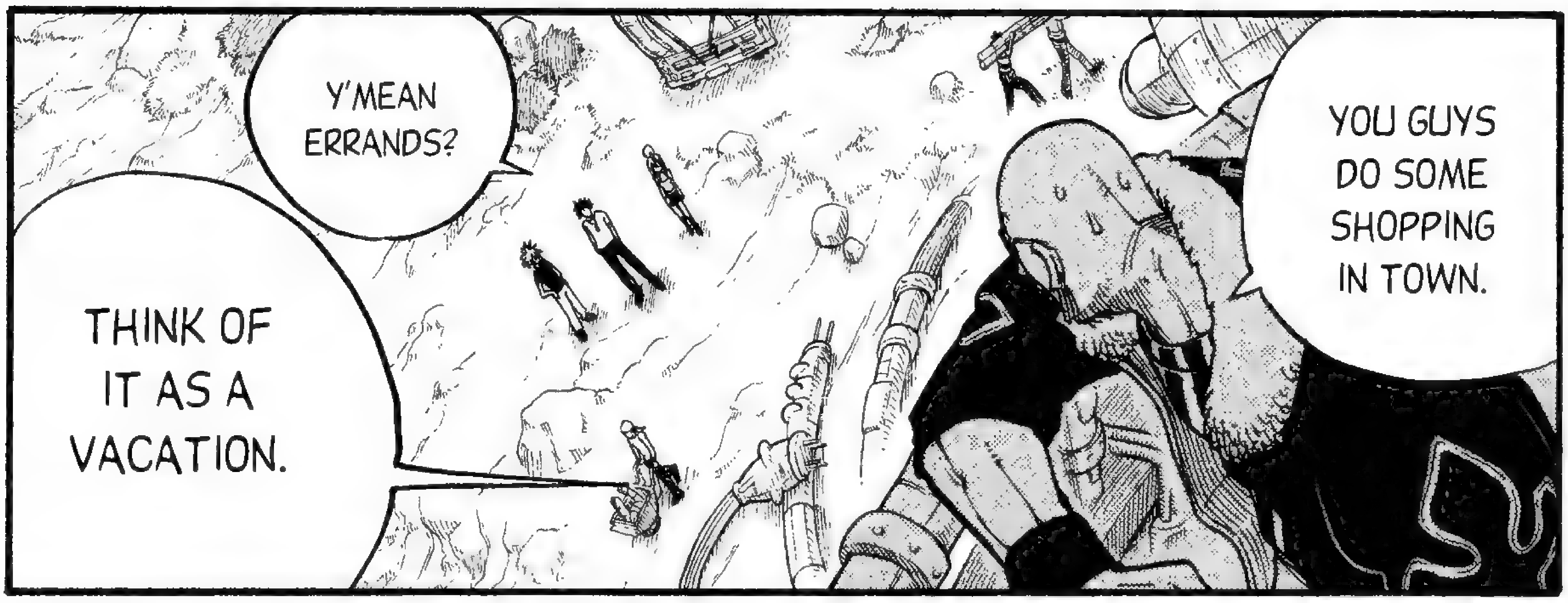

I'M NOT SURPRISED IT WON'T BUDGE.
DADDY, IT'LL TAKE A WEEK TO FIX!
YOU HAVE ONE DAY, DIRTBAGS!


YOU GUYS DO SOME SHOPPING IN TOWN.
Y'MEAN ERRANDS?
THINK OF IT AS A VACATION.

THAT'S GREAT! WE COULD USE A BREAK!
Puun!!
NAH. I'M NOT REALLY IN THE MOOD.
WE'VE GOTTA GET ON THAT BG SHIP BEFORE--
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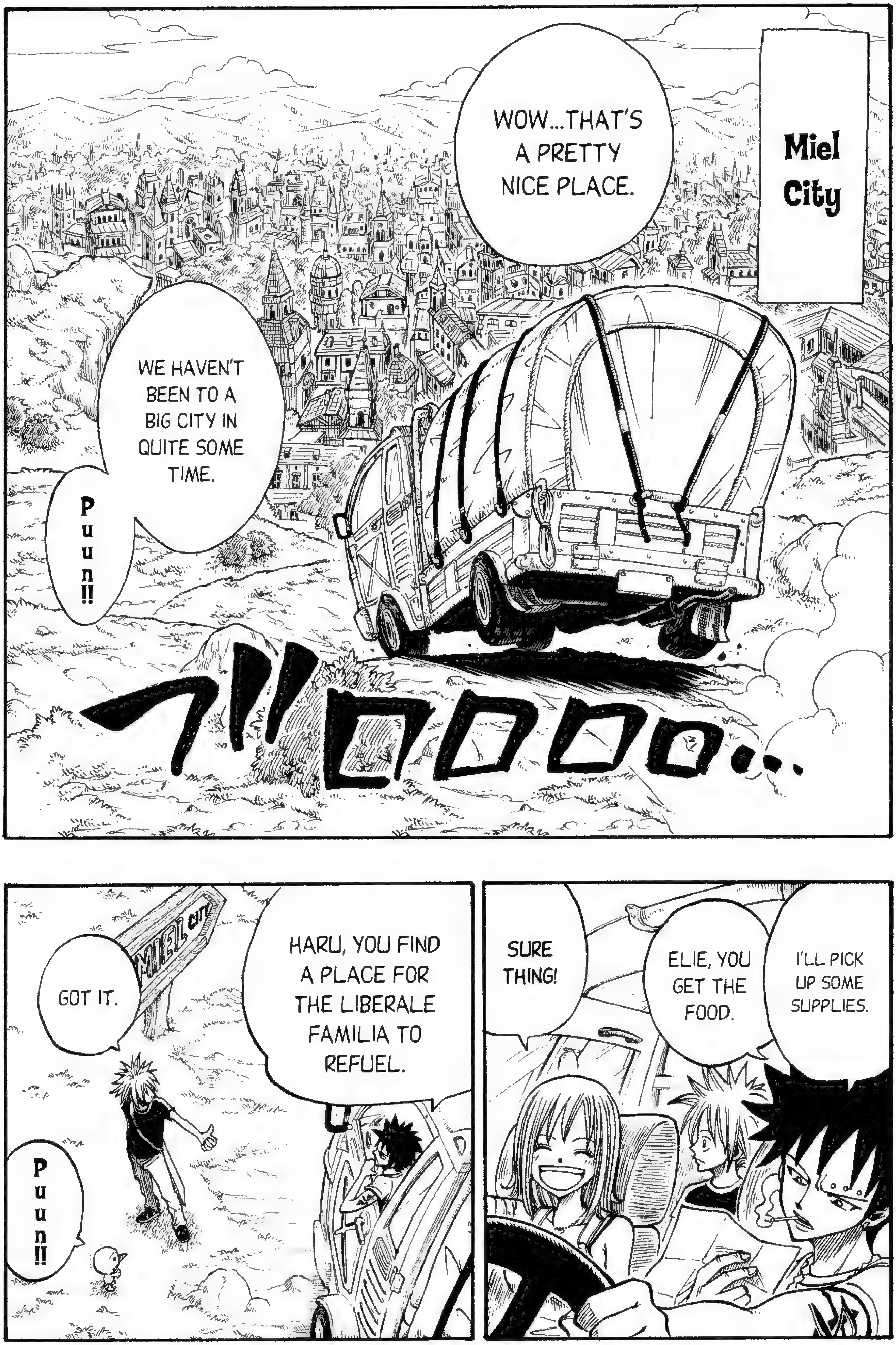
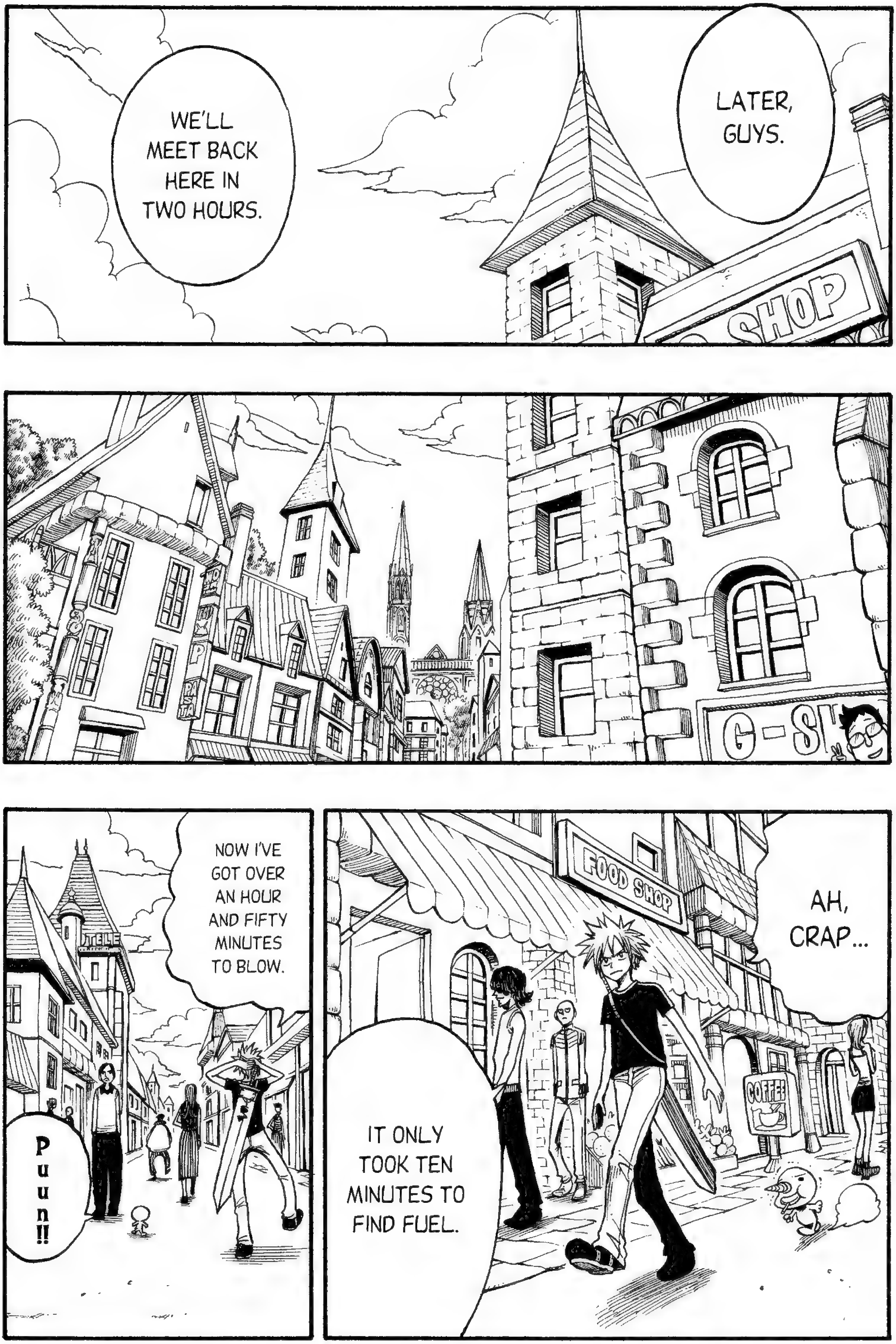
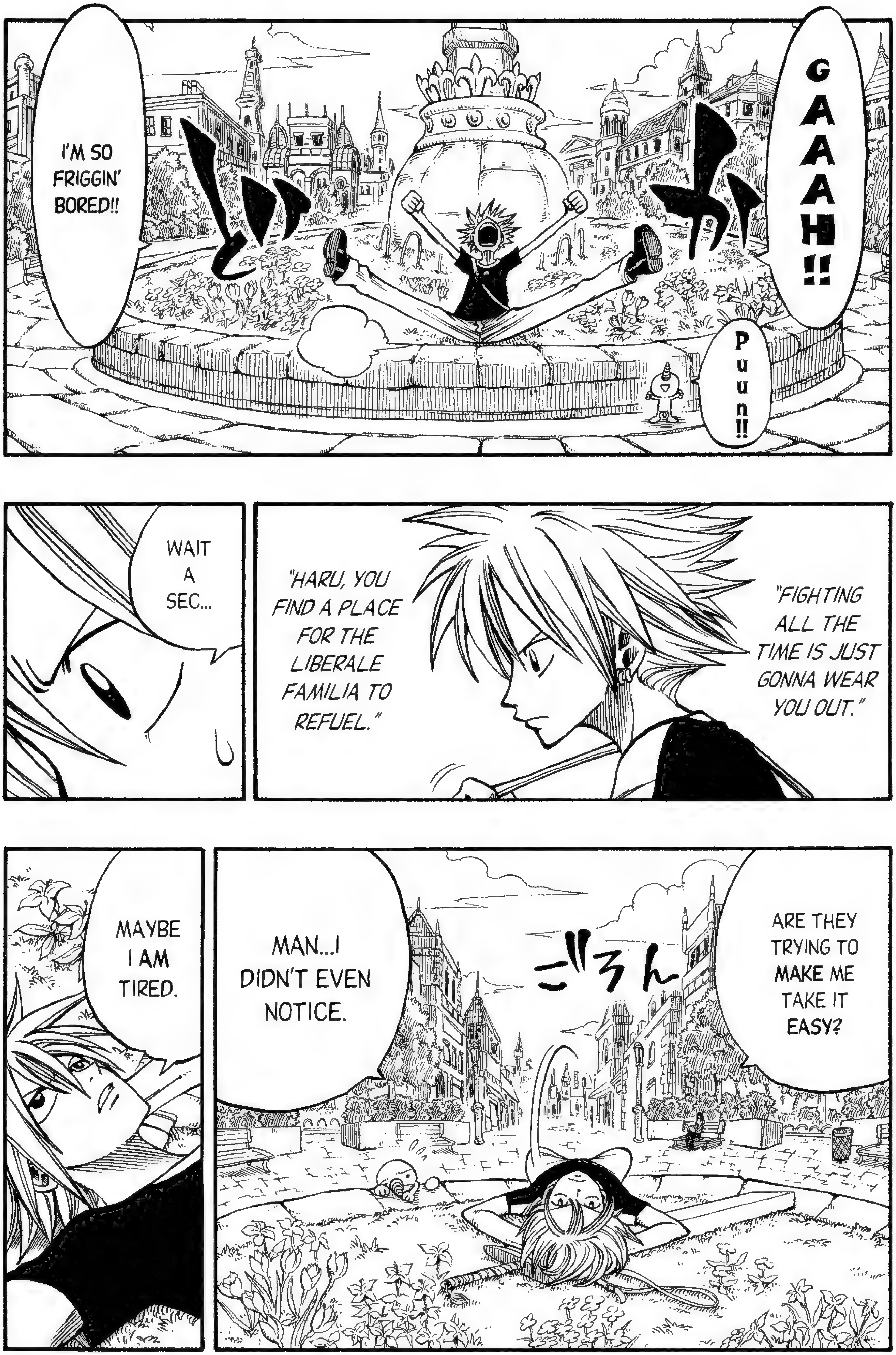
FIGHTING ALL THE TIME IS JUST GONNA WEAR YOU OUT.
HUH?
WE'RE GOING! BYE, DADDY!


Miel City
WOW...THAT'S A PRETTY NICE PLACE.
WE HAVEN'T BEEN TO A BIG CITY IN QUITE SOME TIME.
Puun!!
I'LL PICK UP SOME SUPPLIES.
ELIE, YOU GET THE FOOD.
SURE THING!
HARU, YOU FIND A PLACE FOR THE LIBERALE FAMILIA TO REFUEL.
GOT IT.
MIEL CITY
Puun!!


LATER, GUYS.
WE'LL MEET BACK HERE IN TWO HOURS.
SHOP
G-SH
PASTA
AH, CRAP...
IT ONLY TOOK TEN MINUTES TO FIND FUEL.
FOOD SHOP
COFFEE
NOW I'VE GOT OVER AN HOUR AND FIFTY MINUTES TO BLOW.
TELE
Puun!!


GAAAH!!
Puun!!
I'M SO FRIGGIN' BORED!!
"FIGHTING ALL THE TIME IS JUST GONNA WEAR YOU OUT."
"HARU, YOU FIND A PLACE FOR THE LIBERALE FAMILIA TO REFUEL."
WAIT A SEC...
ARE THEY TRYING TO MAKE ME TAKE IT EASY?
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MAN...I DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE.
MAYBE I AM TIRED.

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くぁはっ!?!!
CRUD!! I FELL ASLEEP!!!
DUDE!! IT'S ALREADY NIGHT-TIME?! GAH!!
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BUH?
WH- WHO'RE YOU?!
I'M SORRY! I DIDN'T MEAN TO STARTLE YOU...!

I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT CATCH COLD SLEEPING OUT HERE.
OH.
IS THIS PUPPY YOURS?
YEAH. HIS NAME IS PLUE.
WAIT! DID YOU SAY PUPPY?!
You think he's a dog?!
Puun!!
PLUE, HUH?
HE'S CUTE.
Puun!!
SO... DO YOU LIVE HERE?
NO. I'M JUST PASSING THROUGH.
REALLY? SAME HERE!
I'M ACTUALLY IN A HURRY TO GET SOMEWHERE...
...BUT I PUSHED MYSELF TOO HARD, SO I CAME HERE FOR A REST.

YOU'RE TIRED?
HMM... I'M NOT REALLY SURE.
HEH HEH... I'VE BEEN THERE.
!
WH- WHAT'RE YOU DOING?!
GRASP
YOUR ARM...
IT'S INJURED, RIGHT?
!!!
H-HOW'D YOU KNOW?
SNICK

キュッ
HUH?
IT'S A GOOD-LUCK CHARM...
...TO HELP YOU GET BETTER.

UM...TH-THANKS!

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
GAAK!!
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ボカッ
I WAS ALL WORRIED ABOUT YOU--AND HERE YOU ARE, **FLIRTING** WITH SOME **GIRL**!
JEEZ! I WASN'T **FLIRTING**, ELIE...
ELIE?!
WHAT-EVER! WE NEED TO GO BACK!
EVERY-BODY'S WORRIED SICK ABOUT YOU!
SORRY ...
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L- LET'S GO!
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HEY! WHAT'S THE RUSH?!
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THAT GIRL IS ELIE? THAT CAN'T BE RIGHT!
SHE HAS THE NAME, BUT I DON'T SENSE ANY POWER...
STOP IT, ELIE! LET GO!
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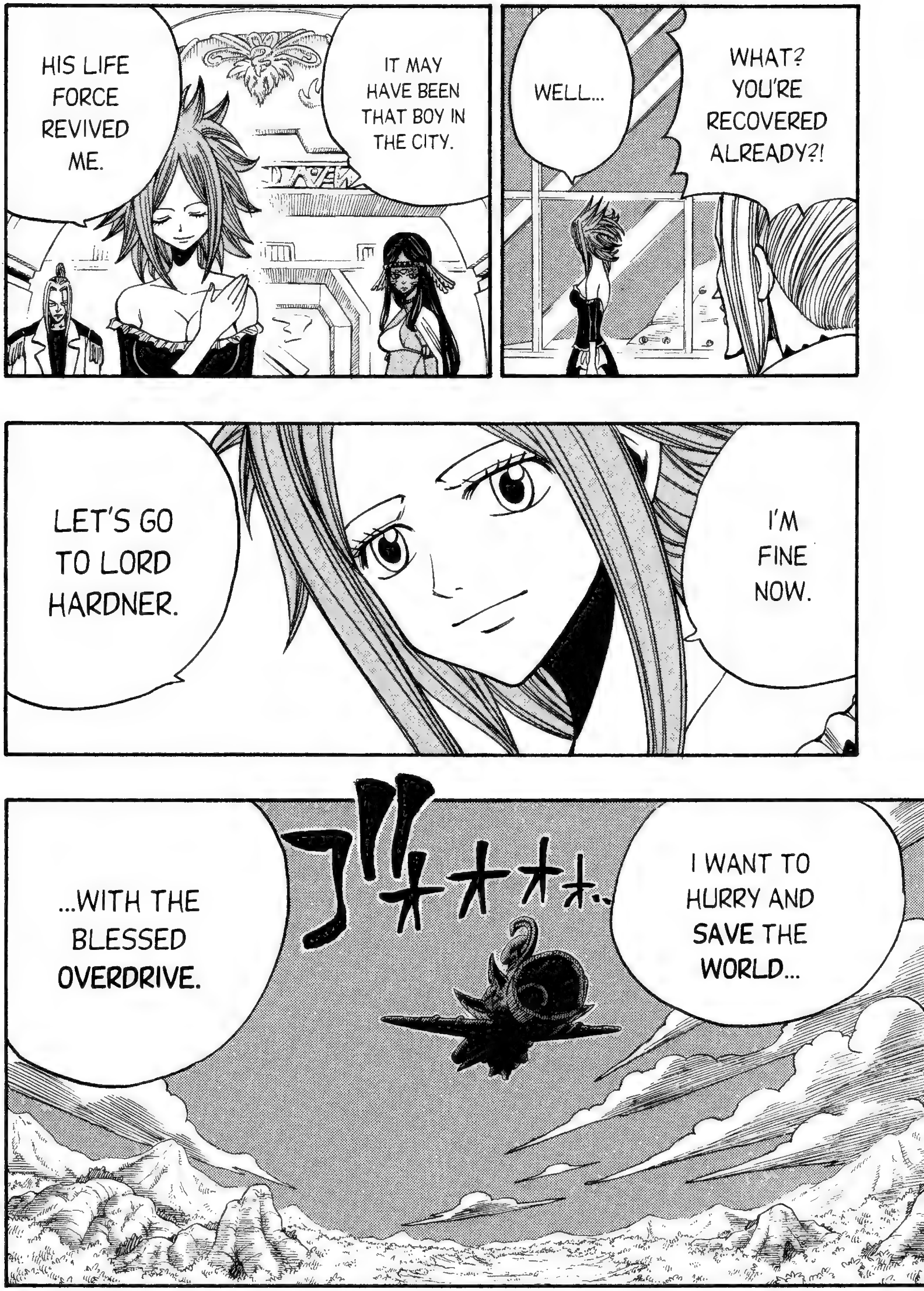
YOU KNOW MY ARM'S HUR--
!
I... I'M NOT IN ANY PAIN!

WHO THE HECK WAS THAT GIRL?
WHAT WAS THAT FEELING I HAD WHEN I LOOKED AT HER?
THAT GIRL...
...HAS SOME AMAZING POWER.
SORRY TO MAKE YOU WORRY, LADY LUNAR, JELLYBONE.
I'M OKAY, NOW. LET'S CONTINUE ON OUR JOURNEY TO ALBATROSS, SHALL WE?


WHAT? YOU'RE RECOVERED ALREADY?!
WELL...
IT MAY HAVE BEEN THAT BOY IN THE CITY.
HIS LIFE FORCE REVIVED ME.
I'M FINE NOW.
LET'S GO TO LORD HARDNER.
I WANT TO HURRY AND SAVE THE WORLD...
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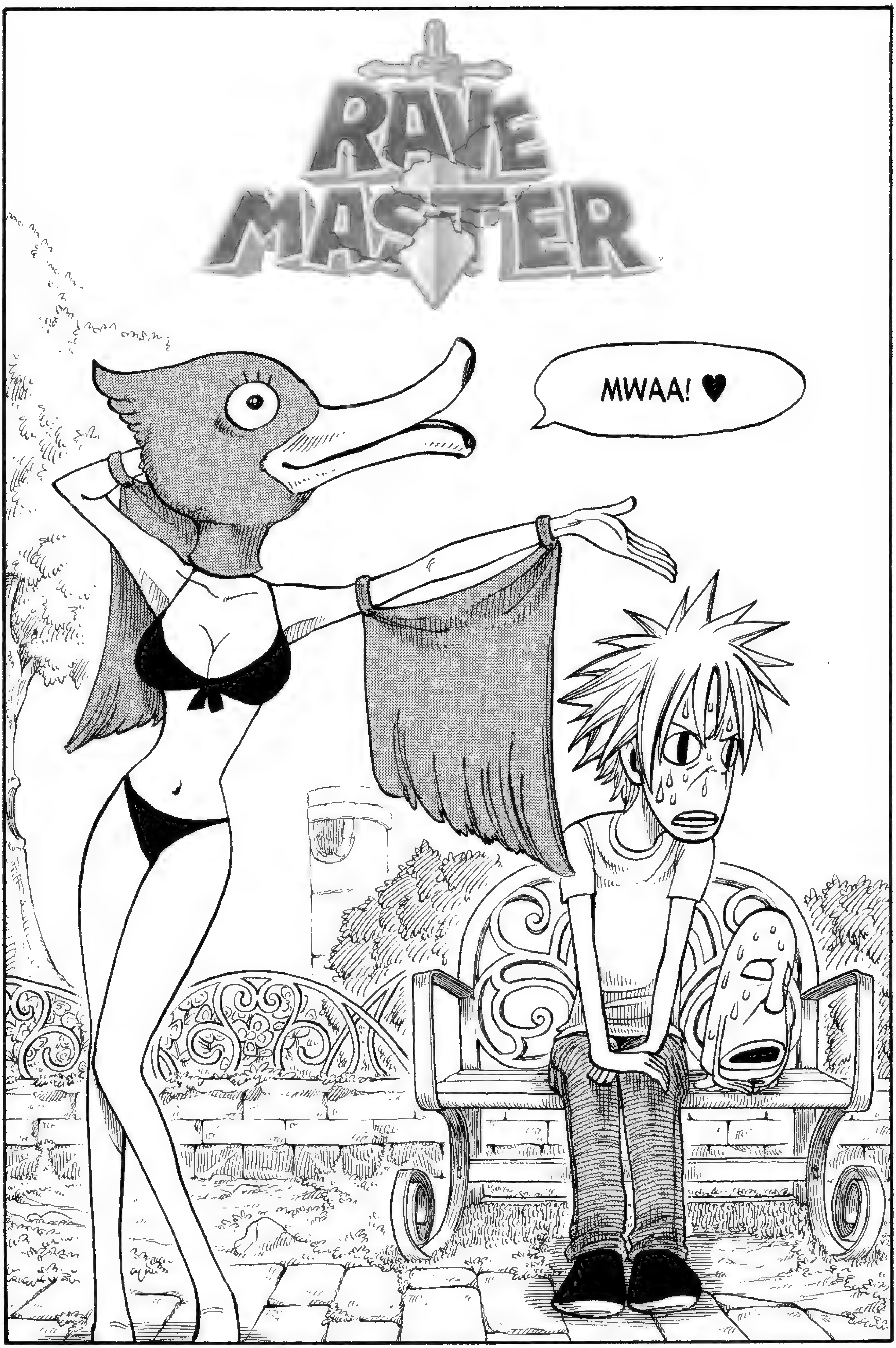
...WITH THE BLESSED OVERDRIVE.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RAVE:206 ✠ SUPER-FORTRESS ALBATROSS

Liberale Familia
ブォオオオ……
IT'S HEALED!
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IT DOESN'T HURT ANYMORE!
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IT MOVES RIGHT AGAIN!
YESSS!!!
G-great, poyo.
WHAT'S WITH HIM?
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BEATS ME! HMPH!

SOME GIRL HE MET IN TOWN HEALED HIS ARM.
Girl, hm?
HOW'D THAT HAPPEN?
WHO KNOWS?
IT SEEMS THAT HARU CAN FIGHT AGAIN, AT LEAST.
WHATEVER. WOULD SOMEBODY JUST SHUT HIM THE HELL UP?!
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HEALED!!
くりん
くりん
HEELED!!
ドゴォッ
DON'T YOU THINK THAT GIRL WAS SUSPICIOUS?!
NO WAY! SHE WAS PRETTY AND AWESOME!
HMPH!
GREAT. SO YOU'RE JEALOUS NOW?
I AM NOT!!!
はァー!
IT'S NOT THAT...

THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT THAT GIRL...
SO THIS IS IT, HUH?
THE TIME-SPACE STAFF?
YES.
THERE'S NO MISTAKING IT.

WELL DONE, SIX GUARD.
HEH HEH HEH...
LORD HARDNER, WE BROUGHT THE ETHERION USER.
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BUT SEAN AND REEVIL HAVE FALLEN, CORRECT?
WE UNDER-ESTIMATED OUR ENEMY.
COME.
MY NAME IS BELNIKA.
I'M PLEASED TO MEET YOU.

I AM HARDNER.
LUNAR TOLD ME ABOUT YOU.
Blue Guardians Captain-- Hardner

I'M VOLUNTEERING FOR THIS OPERATION.
I THINK YOUR PLANS ARE BEYOND ADMIRABLE.
....
THE OPERATION USES THIS STAFF.
ビュッ
IT'S THE **TIME-SPACE STAFF**...
パシッ
...THE MYSTICAL ITEM USED TO SUMMON ENDLESS.
WHAT INCREDIBLE POWER...
IT MUST HAVE BEEN MADE IN A HOLY PLACE.
HOW IN THE WORLD DID YOU GET THIS?
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ASK ANY QUESTIONS...
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L- LORD HARDNER?!
...AND YOU'RE FINISHED!
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AAAH!!
IT'S GONE ...?
THE BULLET VANISHED!
JUST LIKE WITH ELIE!
YES!
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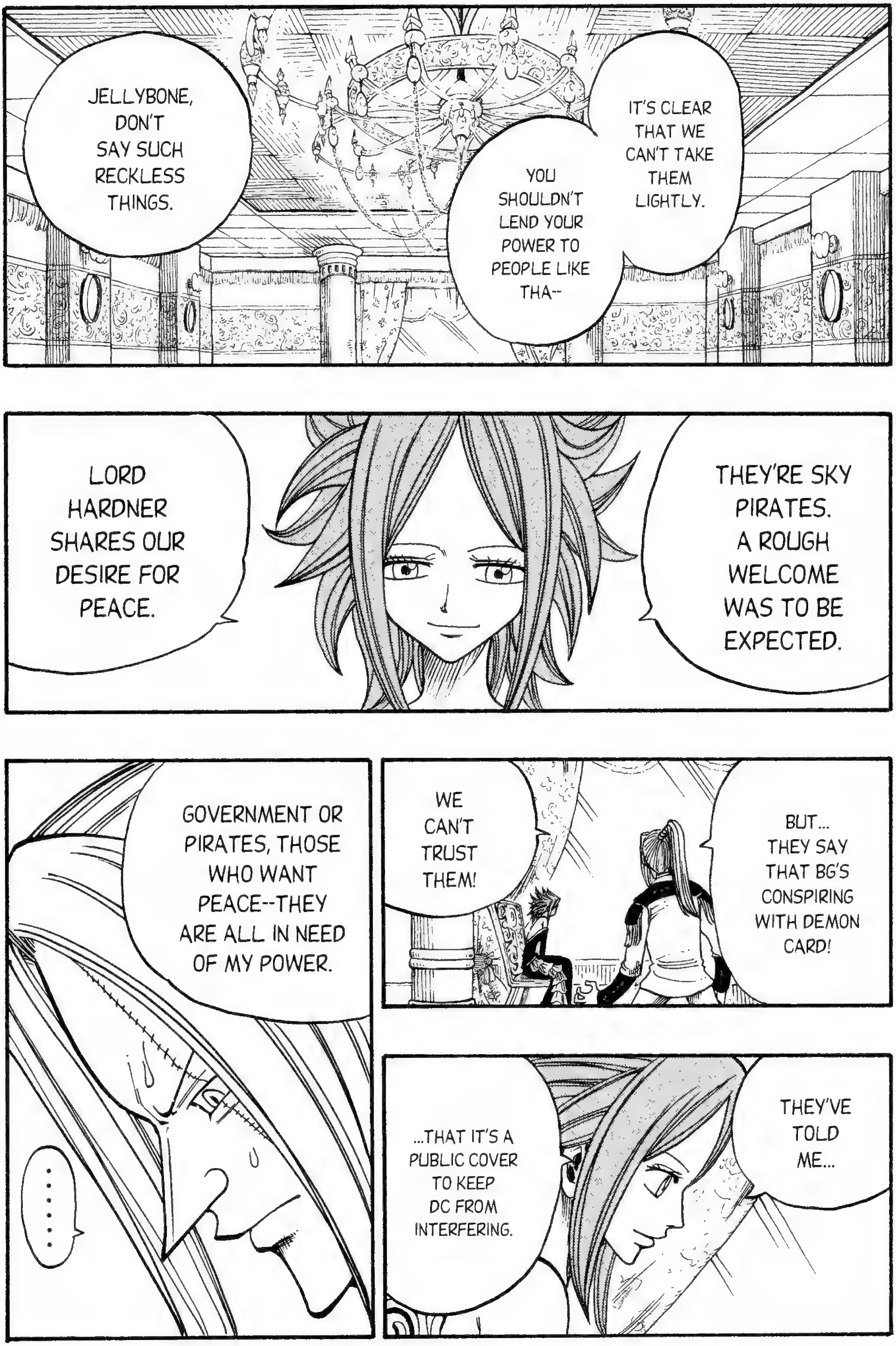
GAH HA HA HA HA HA!!!
IT'S TRUE! SHE CAN USE ETHERION!!
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!!!
GOOD SHOW, BELNIKA!!

IT'S TRUE, YES...
SHE'S AN ETHERION USER LIKE ELIE...
HEH HEH HEH.
I'M COUNTING ON YOU, MY DEAR.
TAKE HER TO HER ROOM.


IT'S CLEAR THAT WE CAN'T TAKE THEM LIGHTLY.
YOU SHOULDN'T LEND YOUR POWER TO PEOPLE LIKE THA--
JELLYBONE, DON'T SAY SUCH RECKLESS THINGS.
THEY'RE SKY PIRATES. A ROUGH WELCOME WAS TO BE EXPECTED.
LORD HARDNER SHARES OUR DESIRE FOR PEACE.
BUT... THEY SAY THAT BG'S CONSPIRING WITH DEMON CARD!
WE CAN'T TRUST THEM!
THEY'VE TOLD ME...
...THAT IT'S A PUBLIC COVER TO KEEP DC FROM INTERFERING.
GOVERNMENT OR PIRATES, THOSE WHO WANT PEACE--THEY ARE ALL IN NEED OF MY POWER.
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AND I HONESTLY WANT...
...TO BELIEVE IN THEM.
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!!!
E-EVERYONE! THERE'S SOMETHING HUGE UP AHEAD!
Puun!!
OH, DEAR...
AAAAH!!
WHAT IS IT?
THAT'S HARDNER'S FLYING FORTRESS-- **ALBATROSS!**

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AW, SNAP...
THAT THING IS HUGE!!
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HOW THE HECK DO WE FIGHT THAT?
THIS SHIP WON'T CUT IT.
LOOKS LIKE IT HAS A FEW ESCORTS, TOO.
THIS SHIP WON'T BE ABLE TO BREAK THROUGH ITS DEFENSES?
WE CAN'T GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO ATTACK.
L- Let's run before they find us, poyo!
NO. WE'VE COME TOO FAR.
WE HAVE TO GET THAT STAFF BACK.
CLICK
WELL SAID, BRAT!!

YAAAAAAH!!!
ドーン！
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WHAT'S **WRONG** WITH YOU, POPS?! **USE YOUR BRAIN!**
A SUICIDAL CHARGE?
AGAINST THAT MANY? ARE YOU LOOPY?!
E-ENEMY ATTACK!
THERE'S ONE SHIP--IT'S LIBERALE FAMILIA!
THE RESISTANCE IS HERE!!
ONE SHIP AGAINST THE SUPER-FORTRESS ALBATROSS?
YOUR DESIRE FOR THE STAFF...
...HAS DRIVEN YOU MAD, YUMA.

ALL HANDS TO BATTLE STATIONS!
SEND THE TWENTY GARRISON PELRANS!
AYE!!
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ズガガァン
DADDY! THEY SENT PELRANS, JUST LIKE WE EXPECTED!
COULD SOMEBODY KEEP US IN THE LOOP HERE?!
MORE ENEMIES, POYO...
EVASIVE MANEUVERS AND OPEN FIRE, YOU DOGS!
ROGER!
NOW WE HAVE NO CHOICE.
RIGHT. LET'S ATTACK WITH THE TURRETS!
WAIT-- I HAVE A **DIFFERENT** JOB FOR **YOU**...
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WHAT THE...?
THEY'RE ALL BG SHIPS.
BG?!
DADDY STARTED THE FIGHT ON PURPOSE.
WHAT?! SO HE DIDN'T JUST GO NUTS?!
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I GET IT... THE ENEMY'S SENT OUT SO MANY SHIPS...
...THAT THEY'RE TOO BUSY TO NOTICE ONE IMPOSTER.
IMPOSTER?
YEAH. IT'S A DECOY OP.

WHILE THE ENEMY ATTACKS THE LIBERALE FAMILIA...
...WE'LL LAUNCH THIS BG SHIP FROM AN IDEAL BLIND SPOT.
WE'LL IMPERSONATE A DAMAGED FRIENDLY.
THAT IS HOW WE GET ON ALBATROSS.
I SEE... EXCELLENT PLAN.
WOW! POPS DID GOOD!
THAT SOUNDS LIKE A GREAT IDEA!
IT DOES BEG THE QUESTION, THOUGH...
WHY DOES THE RESISTANCE HAVE BG SHIPS?
THAT'S BECAUSE DADDY...
ズバババ
...USED TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BLUE GUARDIANS.
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RAVE MASTER

RAVE:207 ✠ CHARGE! THE FORTRESS OF MALICE!

HE WAS WITH THE BLUE GUARDIANS?!
REALLY?!
Puuun?!
IT'S AN OLD STORY.
HE WAS ONCE **FRIENDS** WITH HARDNER...
...BUT THEY EVENTUALLY BECAME **ENEMIES.**
WHY?
I DON'T KNOW THE DETAILS.
There must have been a reason!
KINDA REMINDS ME OF MY DAD AND KING.

MOVE YOUR BUTTS AND GET ABOARD! THE LAUNCH WINDOW'S NEEDLE-THIN!!
スタタッ
EVERYONE ON THE PELRAN AT THE END!
I'LL TAKE THE HELM!
YOU'RE STAYING HERE!
WHAT? NO WAY!
BUT...IT'S DANGEROUS.
!!!
DON'T GIMME THAT, POPS!
YOU SENT HER TO KILL IULIUS ALL BY HERSELF!
BLACKSTAR
WHAT?!
YOU LITTLE ...
THAT'S N-NOT--
MUSICA, YOU...!
?
YOU WENT BEHIND MY BACK AGAIN!

WHY DO SUCH A--
SO YOU DID THE IULIUS THING ON YOUR OWN?
NO! NAGISA, WAIT!
I DON'T CARE! I'M GOING WITH THEM!
I'M THE ONLY WOMAN IN THE RESISTANCE.
I WANTED DADDY TO ACCEPT ME.
WHAT'S WRONG, DADDY? WE'VE GOTTA RETURN FIRE!
I'M PART OF THE RESIST-ANCE!
TO ME, YOU'RE STILL MY DAUGHTER.

FINE!! THEN GET GOING!!!
LAUNCH THE FAKE PELRAN!!!
NAGISA...IT'S NOT BECAUSE YOU'RE A WOMAN...
IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE...
LAUNCH COMPLETE!!
H-HEY! THIS SHIP'S ALL BROKEN AND SMOKY!
IT'S JUST FOR SHOW. THEY'LL THINK WE'RE A HURT FRIENDLY!
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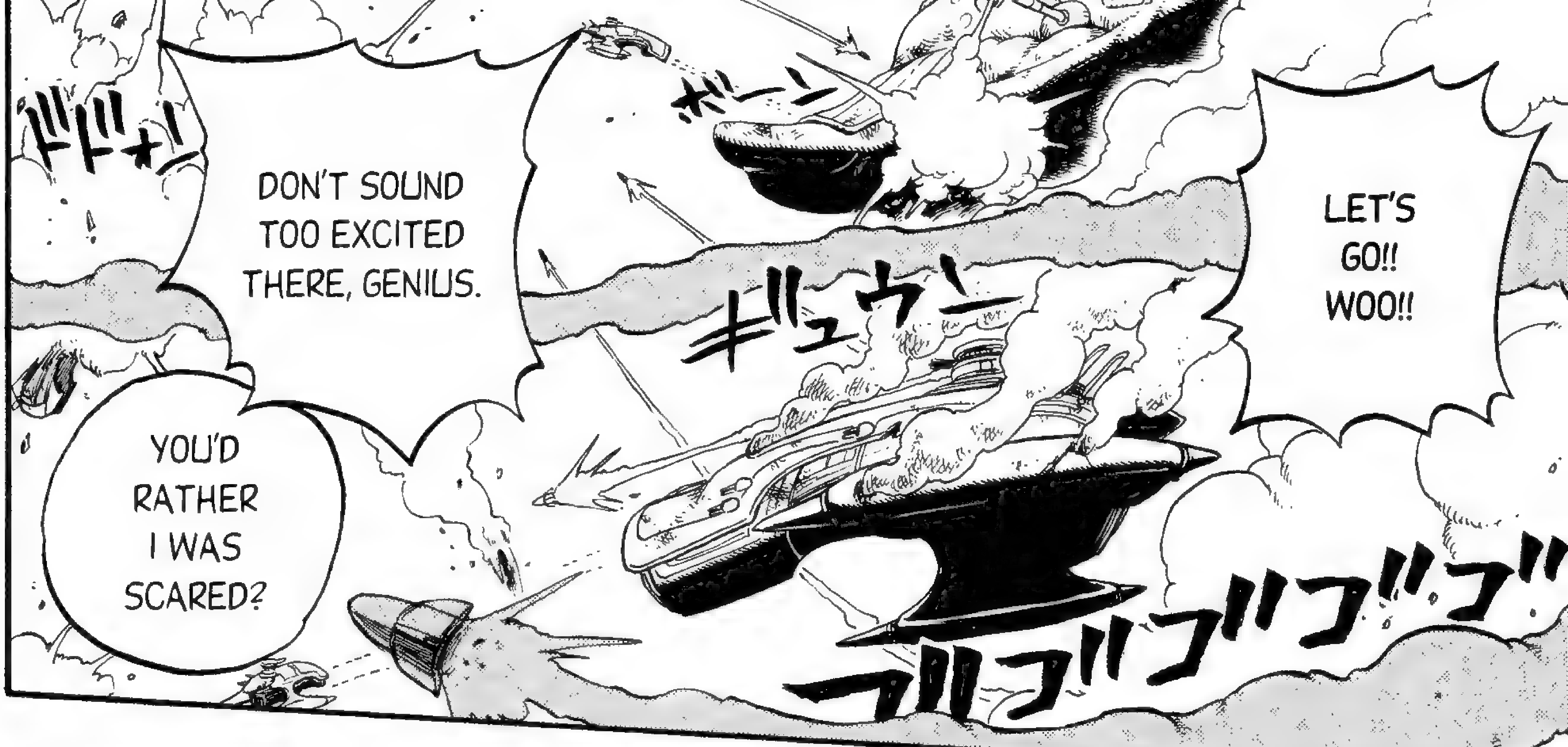
LET'S GO!! WOO!!
DON'T SOUND TOO EXCITED THERE, GENIUS.
YOU'D RATHER I WAS SCARED?
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ドドォ!
ギュウーン
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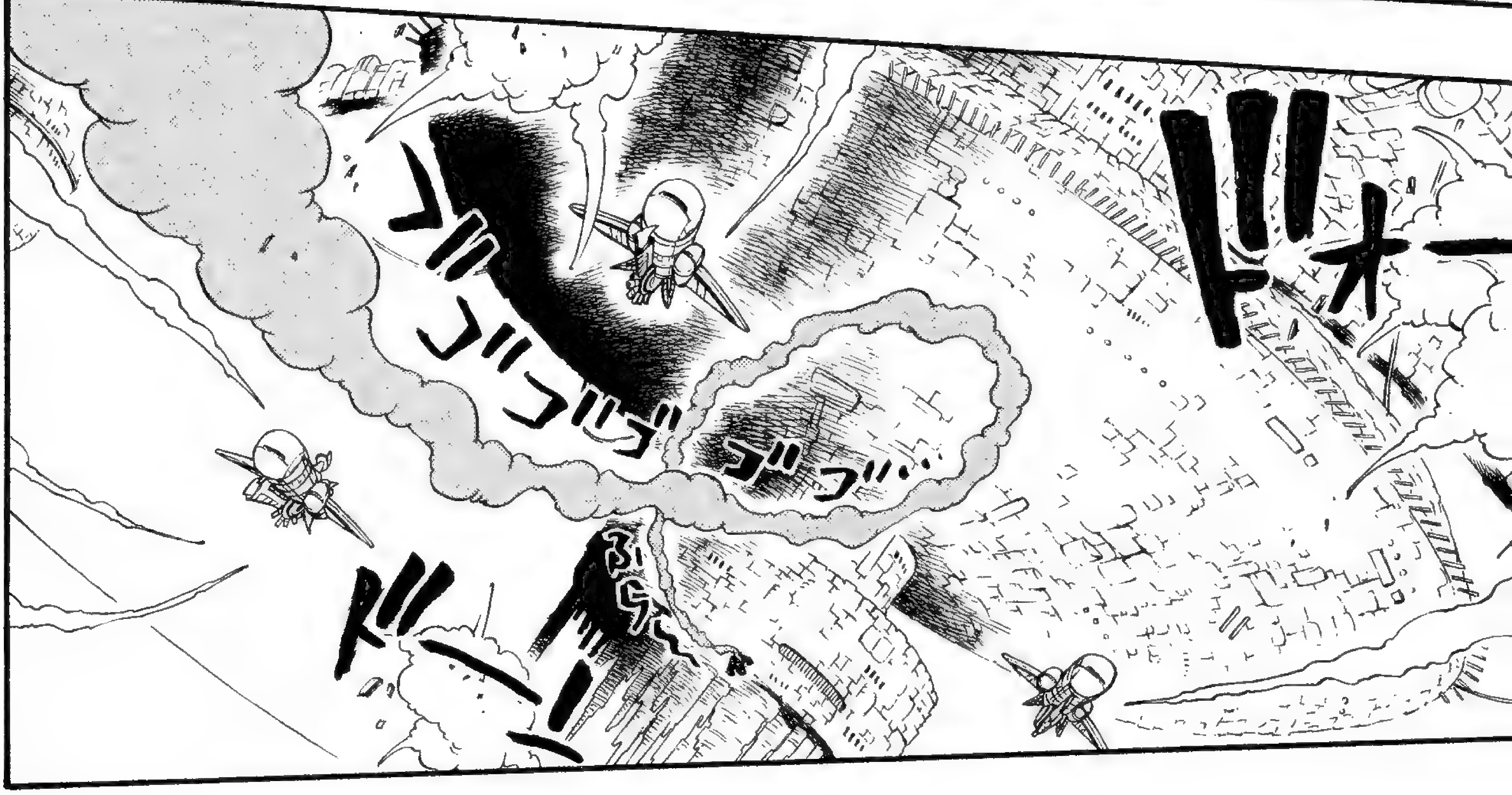
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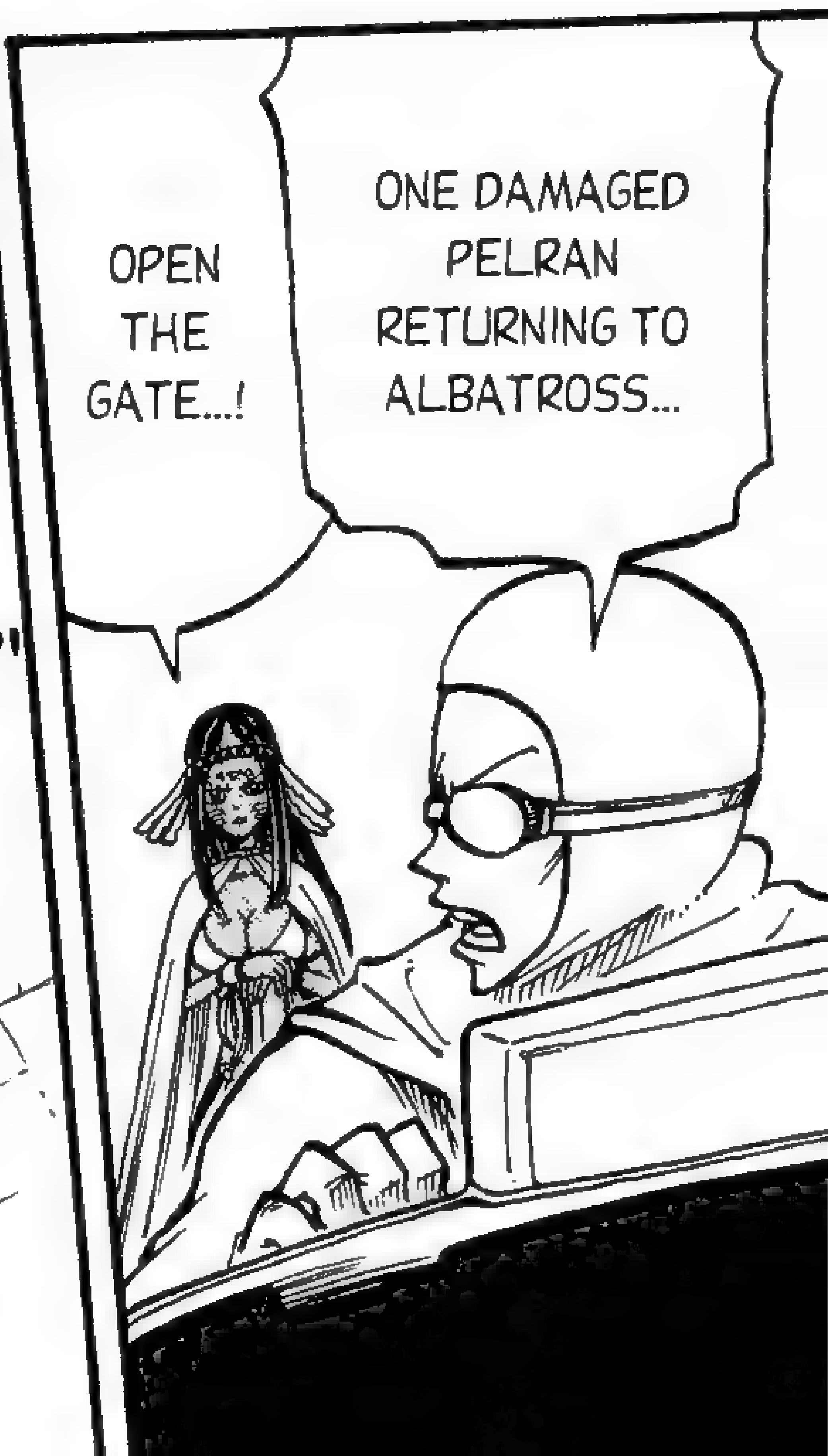
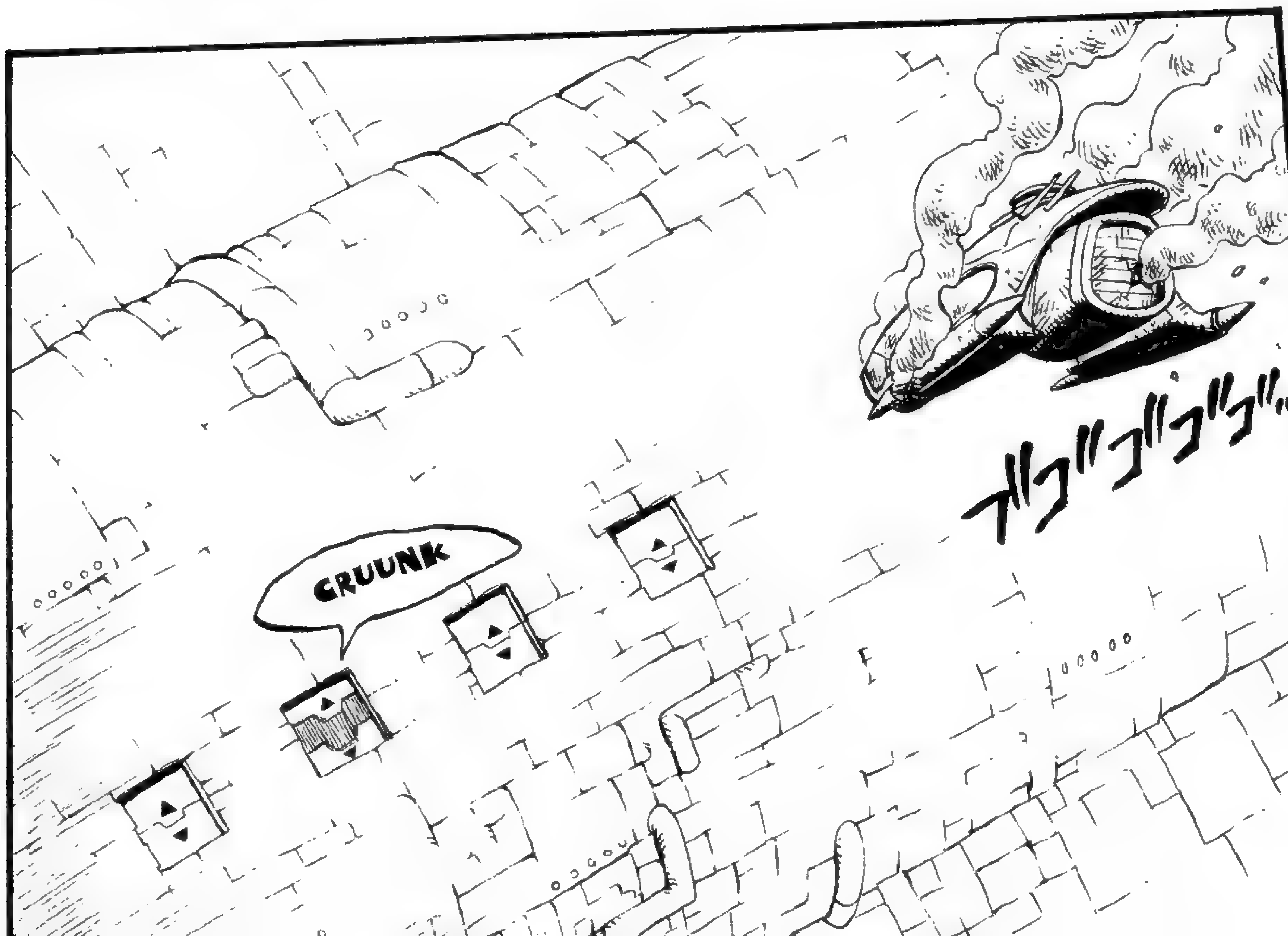

ONE DAMAGED PELRAN RETURNING TO ALBATROSS...
OPEN THE GATE...!


ブゴゴゴ…
CRUUNK

IT'S WORKING! THEY'RE LETTING US IN!!
ギギギギ…
I wanna go home, poyo...
WE KNOW, WE KNOW!
LET'S GET IN THERE!
DADDY! THE GATE'S OPEN!
WE DID IT!
ドゴォ
ボボーン
YOU'VE GOTTEN CARELESS, HARDNER.
IT'S BEEN FIFTEEN YEARS.
THE DAY'S FINALLY COME...
...FOR ME TO FIGHT YOU AGAIN!
WHAT WAS THAT YOU SAID...?

I SAID--SHOOT DOWN THE RETURNING SHIP.
THE ENGINE SOUNDS TOO OLD.
IT'S NOT ONE OF OURS.
THE SOUND OF THE ENGINE?
CORRECT. THAT'S THE SHIP YUMA USED FIFTEEN YEARS AGO...
...WHEN HE WAS IN BG.
ブゴゴゴ…
HE'S TRYING TO FOOL ME WITH A CHEAP TRICK.
CLOSE THE GATE!
THERE'S AN ENEMY SHIP DISGUISED AS A PELRAN!
DON'T LET IT IN!
DON'T MOCK ME, YUMA.
HURRY!

ブオーン
GAAAH!!
AH!!
OH, MAN!!
WE'RE UNDER ATTACK!!
ガタ
THEY FIGURED US OUT?!
ガタ
OH, NO!
THE GATE'S CLOSING!
DADDY, THE ENEMY--
HOW DID THEY SEE THROUGH US?!
WELL... WE'VE MADE IT THIS FAR...
LET'S JUST BUST OUR WAY IN.
WE CAN'T! THIS SHIP CAN'T BREAK THROUGH THE GATE!
H-HOLE! THERE'S A HOLE, POYO!!
ブォォォ
FWOOSH
Puun!!

WE TOOK TOO MUCH DAMAGE!
THE STARBOARD SIDE'S BEEN BREACHED!
WE'LL CRASH AT THIS RATE!
NAGISA! CAN YOU HEAR ME?! RETREAT!!
!!!
WE'LL REGROUP AND TRY AGAIN!
DADDY, USING THE RADIO'S GONNA BLOW THEIR COVER!
SHADDUP! THEY ALREADY KNOW!
NAGISA! RETURN TO THE LIBERALE FAMILIA!
F-FINE!
WAIT.
!
THE ENEMY'S RIGHT IN FRONT OF US.

LET'S BOARD ALBATROSS...
...AND GET THAT STAFF BACK.
YOU IDIOT!!
YOU'LL NEVER MAKE IT!!
HAVEN'T YOU SHOT IT DOWN YET?
INCREASE THE BARRAGE!
KEEP MOVING FORWARD!!
WHERE'RE YOU GOING, HARU?!
WE'RE GONNA CRASH INTO THE GATE!

UH, WHAT'S HE THINKING?
NOTHING TOO DRASTIC, I HOPE.
HE SAYS HE'LL TAKE CARE OF IT.
I SUPPOSE WE'LL SEE.
I SUPPOSE...
Puun!!
WHAT THE HELL?!
HARU'S GONNA DO IT!
Poyoooo!
FOOLISH BOY!!!
DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE HARDNER!
GET OUT OF THERE WHILE YOU CAN!
CLONK
ひょい
FIRE!!!
FIRE ALL THE CANNONS AT ONCE!!!

GAH!
THERE'S JUST SO MANY! POYO!!
OH, MAN...
I TOLD YOU!!
THERE'S NO WAY TO DODGE!!

!!!!
ピクッ
ドドドドドドドドドドドドド
FWIP
FWIP
FWIP

WHAT JUST HAPPENED?!
I DON'T KNOW!
THEY ALL MISSED?
ブフォォォォォ
W-WE'RE NOT DEAD?!
......
THAT'S NOT... POSSIBLE!
THIS FEELING...
IS THAT MAGIC?!
FOR JUST A MOMENT...
...I THOUGHT I SAW HIS FACE. WHY WOULD I...?
L-LADY BELNIKA...! WHAT DID YOU JUST...
HM?
SHE FIRED HER MAGIC OFF SUBCONSCIOUSLY?!
THAT CAN'T BE RIGHT!

NOW'S OUR CHANCE!!
KEEP GOING FORWARD!!!
WE'RE GONNA CRASH!
I SAID GO!!!
DON'T STOP!!!
WE COULDN'T NOW IF WE WANTED TO!!
GO!!!
DON'T EASE UP. TRUST HARU.
GRAB
HEY!

LEAP
YAAAAAH!!!

GRAVITY CORE!!!

HE DID IT!!
THAT CRAZY FOOL JUST BUSTED THE GATE!
WHOA ...
WE CAN GET IN NOW!
ズガガガ…
ボゴッ
ババッ
バキ
オオオオオオオ
THAT LITTLE PUNK ACTUALLY DID IT!

EVERYBODY OFF! GET READY FOR A FIGHT!
THE ENEMY'S WAITING! THEY KNOW WE'RE COMING!
GOT IT.
WHAT IS IT, RUBY?
ARRGH...
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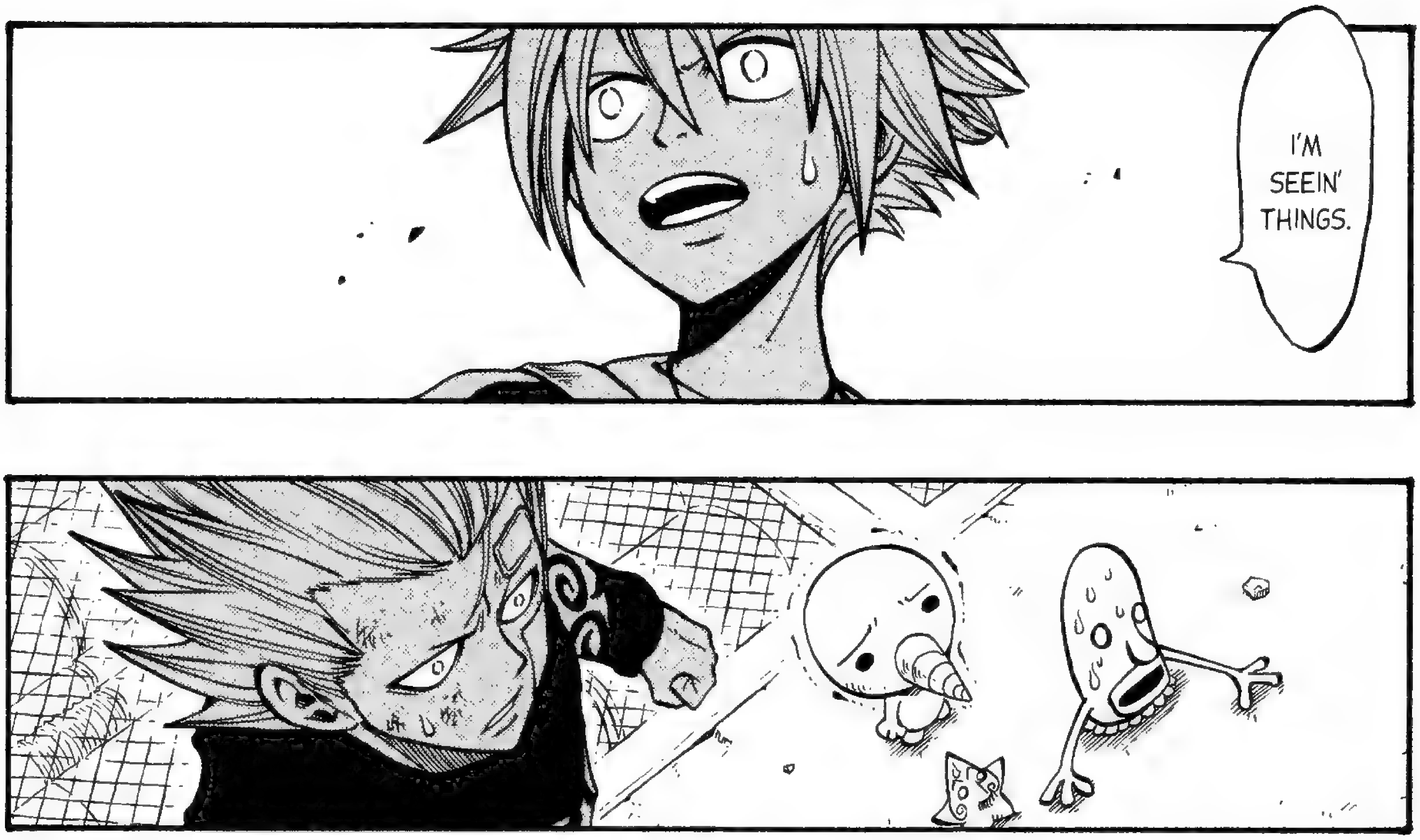
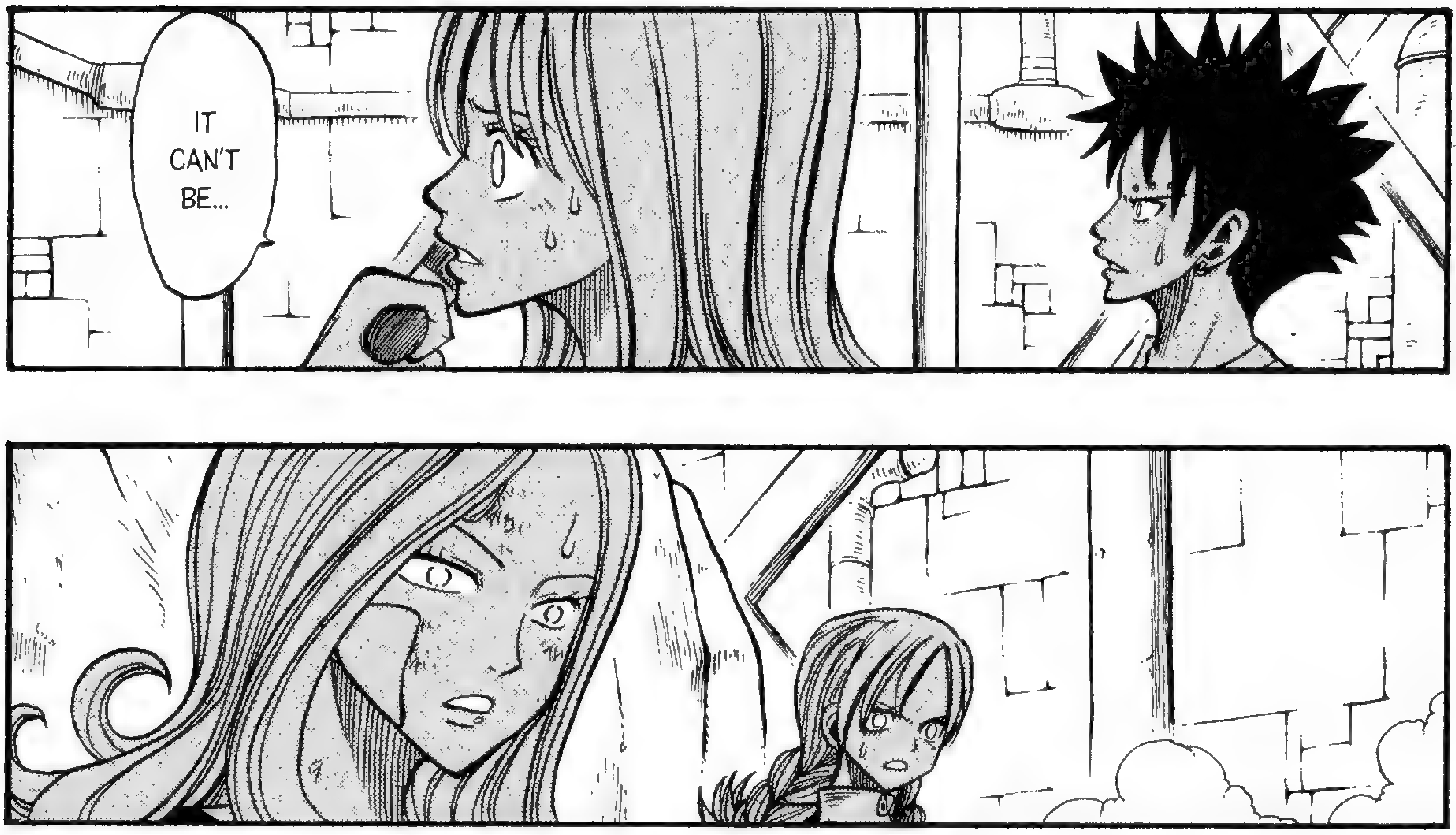
HM?
WHAT THE...?!
A-ARE THOSE...


I'M SEEIN' THINGS.

RAVE MASTER



RAVE:208 ✠ LABYRINTH OF THE SKY

オオオオオォォ
THEY'RE ALL... DEAD?
WHAT HAPPENED HERE?!
WE EXPECTED A MOB...BUT SOMEBODY GOT HERE FIRST.
WAS IT FROM WHEN OUR SHIP HIT...?
NO...LOOK AT THESE WOUNDS.
BLADES DID THIS, I BET!
Puun!!
ODD... I SENSE HEAT AND COLD.
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN, POYO?

WHO COULD DO SUCH A THING?!
IS THERE SOMEBODY HERE BESIDES US AND BG?
MAYBE SOMEONE ON OUR SIDE?
WE CAN'T ASSUME THAT...
...NOT AFTER SUCH SLAUGHTER.
EITHER WAY, IT MAKES OUR JOB EASIER.
くりにゅっ
IT JUST SEEMS LIKE OVERKILL.
WHAT IS IT, HARU?
......
N--
NOTH-ING.
LET'S GO.
WAIT UP!

I SEE WE HAVE GUESTS TODAY...
!!!
UNINVITED GUESTS.
WHO'S THERE?!
I'M THE BLUE GUARDIANS' CAPTAIN.
THEY CALL ME HARDNER.

YOU'RE HARDNER?!
CHILL-- IT'S A HOLOGRAM.
HARDNER!!
ジジジジ...
I'M NAGISA ANSECTO, YUMA'S DAUGHTER! YOU CAN'T USE THAT STAFF!
GIVE IT BACK! NOW!
HMM...YUMA'S DAUGHTER, JUST LIKE THE RUMORS SAY.
ジジ ジジ
WE CAN AVOID UNNECESSARY CASUALTIES IF YOU GIVE IT BACK NOW!
FIRST YOU BOARD US...
...AND NOW YOU WANT TO TALK.

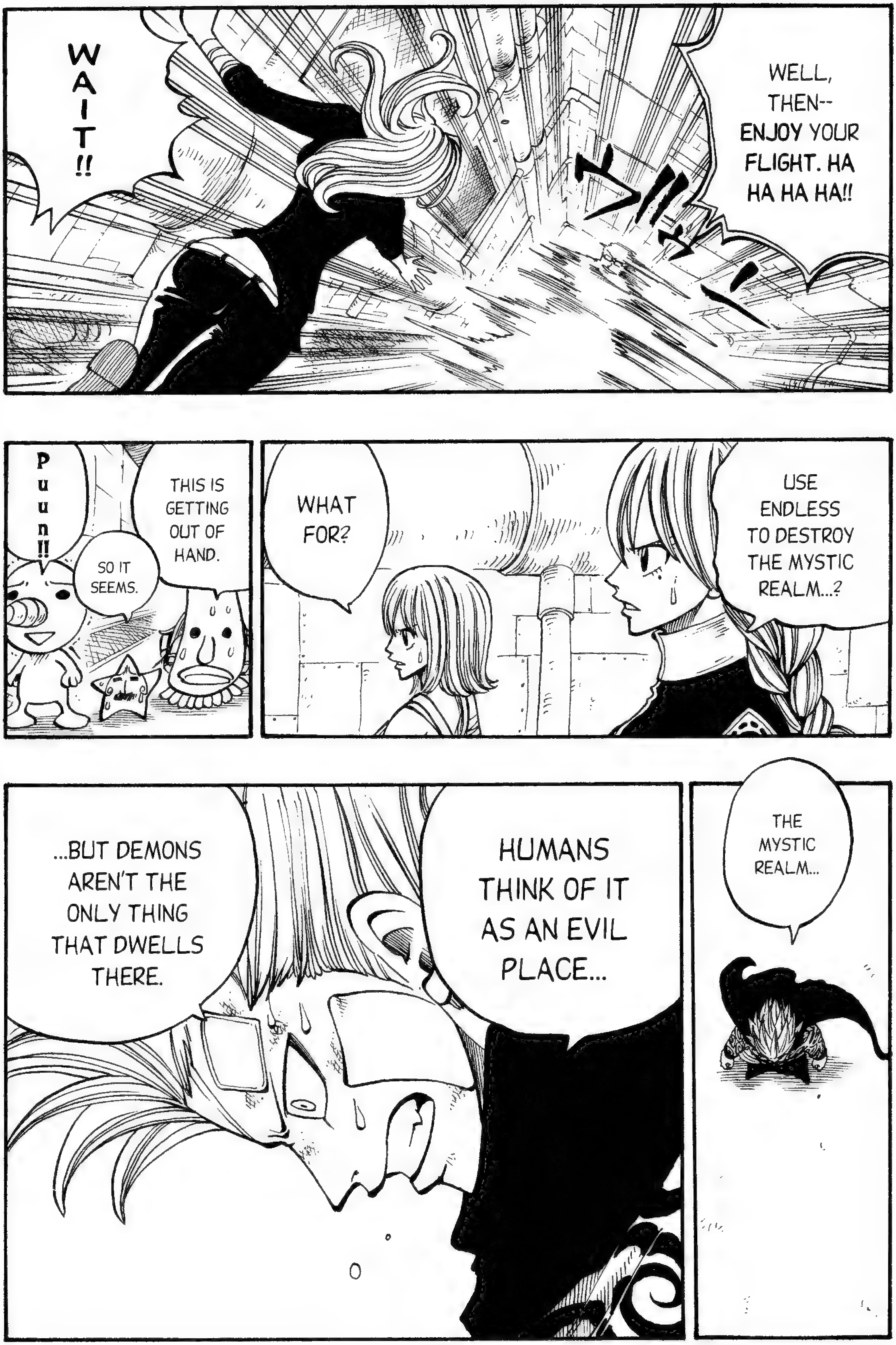
I'M NOT GIVING IT BACK.
I HAVE A USE FOR THAT STAFF.
I SAID YOU CAN'T USE IT!
OH, REALLY?
YOUR ELIE...
...ISN'T THE ONLY ETHERION USER OUT THERE.
WHAT?!
SOMEONE BESIDES ELIE?
IMPOSSIBLE!
THERE'S ONLY ONE ETHERION USER IN THE WORLD!
DON'T TOY WITH US!
B-BUT ELIE INHERITED ETHERION FROM RESHA, POYO.

YOU SAY THAT ONLY ONE PERSON CAN USE ETHERION...
NO WAY...
BUT DO YOU HAVE PROOF?
HUH?
HEH HEH...
WELL, BELIEVE ME OR DON'T. IT'S UP TO YOU.
BUT I DIDN'T SHOW MYSELF...
...JUST TO TELL YOU THAT.
AS THE CAPTAIN, I SHOULD GREET MY GUESTS, YOU SEE.
WELCOME TO FORTRESS ALBATROSS.
THIS GUY'S GOT SOME NERVE.
AND LET ME EXPLAIN SOMETHING TO YOU...

...FORTRESS ALBATROSS...
...IS HEADED TO THE MYSTIC REALM.
MYSTIC REALM?!
OUR BIRTHPLACE!
I SEE...SO SOME OF YOU ARE FROM THE MYSTIC REALM.
THAT'S TOO BAD.
THIS WILL BE YOUR FINAL VISIT.
TODAY...

THE MYSTIC REALM WILL BE DESTROYED...
...BY THE POWER OF ENDLESS.

WH-WHY THE HECK WOULD YOU DESTROY THE MYSTIC REALM?!
HEH HEH HEH...
GAHAHAHAHAHA!!
HAHAHAHAHAHA!!
STOP LAUGHING, YOU WASTE OF SKIN...
...AND ANSWER ME!!
GAHAHAHAHAHA!!
GUESTS DON'T NEED TO KNOW THE DETAILS, REALLY!


WELL, THEN-- ENJOY YOUR FLIGHT. HA HA HA HA!!
WAIT!!
USE ENDLESS TO DESTROY THE MYSTIC REALM...?
WHAT FOR?
THIS IS GETTING OUT OF HAND.
SO IT SEEMS.
Puun!!
THE MYSTIC REALM...
HUMANS THINK OF IT AS AN EVIL PLACE...
...BUT DEMONS AREN'T THE ONLY THING THAT DWELLS THERE.

MANY LIVE GOOD, PEACEFUL LIVES.
BEINGS WHO HATE WAR AND LOVE PEACE...
...EXIST IN EVERY TYPE OF WORLD.
APART FROM THE SENTINOIDS, THAT WORLD'S THE SAME AS THIS ONE.
HE PLANS TO DESTROY IT?!
AND HE... LAUGHED ABOUT IT.
EVEN WHEN HE KNEW HOW MANY LIVES HE'D BE ENDING...
THAT MAN WANTS TO DESTROY OUR HOME!!!

ALL RIGHT, HARDNER.
NOW I'M MAD!!!
ドゴォン
ズシャッ
!!!

CAPTAIN IS VERY SERIOUS, YES.
THEY'RE NOT HUMAN, SO IT'S FINE IF THEY DIE, YES.
HIM AGAIN?!
MY BEST VERSION YET!
THIS ONE WON'T BREAK SO EASILY.
Yes.

YOU WON'T INTERFERE UNTIL WE GET THERE.
DIE, YES.
CLICK
......
WHAT?
No!
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
ピキィ
THE BARREL'S FROZEN!
THIS ISN'T... YES?
ピキ ピキ
WHY IS MY MACHINE FREEZING OVER?!
ピキ ピキ

GOOOOOH!!
ピキピキピキッ
HELP ME!! IT'S COLD, YES!!!
WHAT THE--?!
ICE?!
WAS THAT YOU, MASTER RUBY?!
I CAN'T USE THAT SPELL, POYO!
C-C-C-COLD... Y-Y-YES! F-F-F-F-FREEZING... Y-YES!
ガタ
ガタ
WHY DON'T I WARM YOU UP?
ピロピロピロピロ...
!!!
LOOK!!

ドゴオ
HEH HEH... TOO HOT FOR YOU, LITTLE BEAR?
OH, SUCH BEAUTY!
OUR FIRE AND ICE MAKE A LOVELY CONCERTO!
MASTER SHUDA!
Puun!!
IULIUS!!
WHAT'S HE DOING HERE? SERIOUSLY...
FIRE AND ICE.
HOT AND COLD.
SLAP
SO ALL THOSE CORPSES...
!

WHY'D YOU KILL ALL THOSE GUYS BY THE ENTRANCE?!
HM?
BUT WE JUST GOT HERE.
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO KILL THEM!!
WHATEVER YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, WE DIDN'T DO IT.
YES...WE ONLY ARRIVED A MOMENT AGO.
WHAT?
IF YOU DIDN'T DO IT...
...THEN WHO DID?
THERE'S SOMEONE ELSE IN THIS PLACE!
SOMEONE CAPABLE OF KILLING ALL THOSE PEOPLE!

RAVE MASTER™

RAVE:209 ✠ BEWILDERING MEMORIES

WE HAVE SOME INTERESTING GUESTS TODAY.
YUMA'S GROUP...
THE RAVE MASTER...
ELIE...
THE ORACION SIX...
AND THEN THERE'S...

SEND SIX GUARD!
THEY'RE ON THEIR WAY!
I'M GOING WITH THEM.
LADY LUNAR!
WAIT.
DON'T TAKE UNNECESSARY RISKS.
YOU'RE OUR TRUMP CARD.
BUT--
SEND BELNIKA.

LADY BELNIKA? INTO COMBAT?!
BUT SHE HAS NO EXPERIENCE!
IF SOMETHING HAPPENS TO HER...
...WE CAN'T ANNIHILATE THE MYSTIC REALM!
JUST DO IT.

WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?! IS THIS SOME KIND OF JOKE?!
LADY BELNIKA SHOULDN'T BE FIGHTING!
IT'S A DIRECT ORDER FROM LORD HARDNER!
THAT'S CRAZY! FIGHTING IS A SOLDIER'S JOB!
SHE NEEDS REST FOR THE MISSION!
LORD HARDNER'S ORDERS ARE FINAL.
RATTLE RATTLE
TELL HIM THAT, AS HER DOCTOR, I FORBID IT!
UH, NO. JUST STEP ASIDE.
ZIIIP
THEN I'LL TELL HIM M--
SHUT UP, OLD MAN!!
UNH!

STOP THIS AT ONCE!
FWISH
!
JELLYBONE AND I ARE VERY CLOSE!
DON'T HARM HIM ANY FURTHER!
R-RIGHT... SORRY!
DON'T WORRY, JELLYBONE. I'LL BE FINE.
I'M SURE LORD HARDNER WANTS TO SEE MY POWER.

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I'LL DEFEAT THE INTRUDERS...
...WITH MY OWN TWO HANDS.
I WILL NOT FAIL!

A SUPPLY SHIP?
Puun?
YEAH. WE HID ON A BG SUPPLY SHIP.
YOU JUST...
YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE WHAT WE WENT THROUGH!
A BEAUTIFUL PLAN, IS IT NOT?
BEAUTIFUL, POYO.
I WANNA POUND THAT GUY!
PLEASE, DON'T...!
WHY WOULD YOU HELP US ANYWAY?
AREN'T BG AND DC ALLIES?
LIKE I TOLD YOU, I HAVE NO QUARREL WITH YOU.

LET US DANCE AND FIGHT BEAUTIFULLY TOGETHER!
IGNORE HIM.
……
I'M STILL WORRIED ABOUT THE OTHER INTRUDER WALKIN' AROUND.
HE'S PROBABLY A COLD-BLOODED KILLER.
NOT TO MENTION STRONG AS HECK, TO BOOT.
!?
I JUST REMEMBERED! WE BROUGHT SOMEONE ELSE, BUT IT COULDN'T BE...
HIM?!
HE'S HOT-BLOODED AND WEAK!
ガクガク
I'M PRETTY SURE LAZENBY WOULDN'T DO THIS.
WHERE IS HE NOW?
WHO KNOWS?

I'LL TAKE A LOOK AT THE CORPSES...
...THOUGH I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS...
GOTCHA. BE CAREFUL.
WE'LL LOOK FOR HARDNER.
HE'S GOTTA HAVE THE STAFF.
LOOK **HOW?**
THIS PLACE IS HUGE!
WE **COULD** ASK KOALA...
OH, YEAH!
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キョロ キョロ
HUH? WHERE'D HE GO?
HE SNUCK AWAY AGAIN?
NOT AFTER THAT BEATING HE TOOK!
BE QUIET!

DO YOU HEAR THAT STRANGE SOUND?
HE'S BEEN HUMMING A WHILE.
ウフフ～
ラララ～
ララ～
SILENCE HIM.
IT'S A... MACHINE.
THIS PLACE IS FILLED WITH MACHINES.
SHH!
ガコン
ボトッ
ガコ!
ギギ
ギギ
NO--IT'S DIFFERENT FROM THAT.
ガコン
ガコン
SOMETHING BREAKING...
!!

AAAH!!
THE FLOOR!!
IT'S BREAKING, ALL RIGHT!
IULIUS-- STOP ITS MOVEMENT!
I CAN'T...! THERE'S NO STOPPING INORGANIC...
...NO MATTER HOW BEAUTIFUL IT IS!
LOT OF HELP, YOU ARE!
EVERYBODY JUMP SOMEWHERE SAFE!

ギュウウウウウウ
GAAAAAH!!
NAGISA!!
!!
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
IT'S AS IF IT'S ALIVE!
IT'S NO USE!
THERE'S NOTHING I CAN GRAB ONTO!
FALLING, POYO!
NOOO!!
Puuun!!

HARU!!
ENTER
ELIE!!
GRAB... MY... HAND!!
LEFT

!!!
SNAG
ピタッ
YAAAAAH!!!
ズ
HARU!!
ELIE!!!
きゃああああああ…
GUYS!!
うわあああぁぁ…
あああぁぁ…
SEE THE POWER OF MY DB MACHINERY!
I CAN CONTROL MACHINES WITH IT, YES.
I'M SO STRONG, YES.
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THIS STAR VESTIGE FRAGMENT WILL LET ME SEE THE PAST.
I CAN FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED TO THE SOULS RESTING HERE.
!!!
NO... IT'S... HIM?!

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WHERE ...?
WHERE ARE THE INTRUDERS?!
I HAVE TO ELIMINATE ANYONE WHO INTERFERES WITH THE MISSION.

WE WON'T LET THEM DO THIS!
I'VE WORKED SO HARD FOR PEACE!
CLONG
!!
うわあぁぁ…
WH- WHAT?!
GRRAAH!!
ドゴォ
WAAAGH!!
パラ パラ
OW...
……

!!!
YOU'RE...
......
HUH?!
IT CAN'T BE!!
HE'S THE INTRUDER?!

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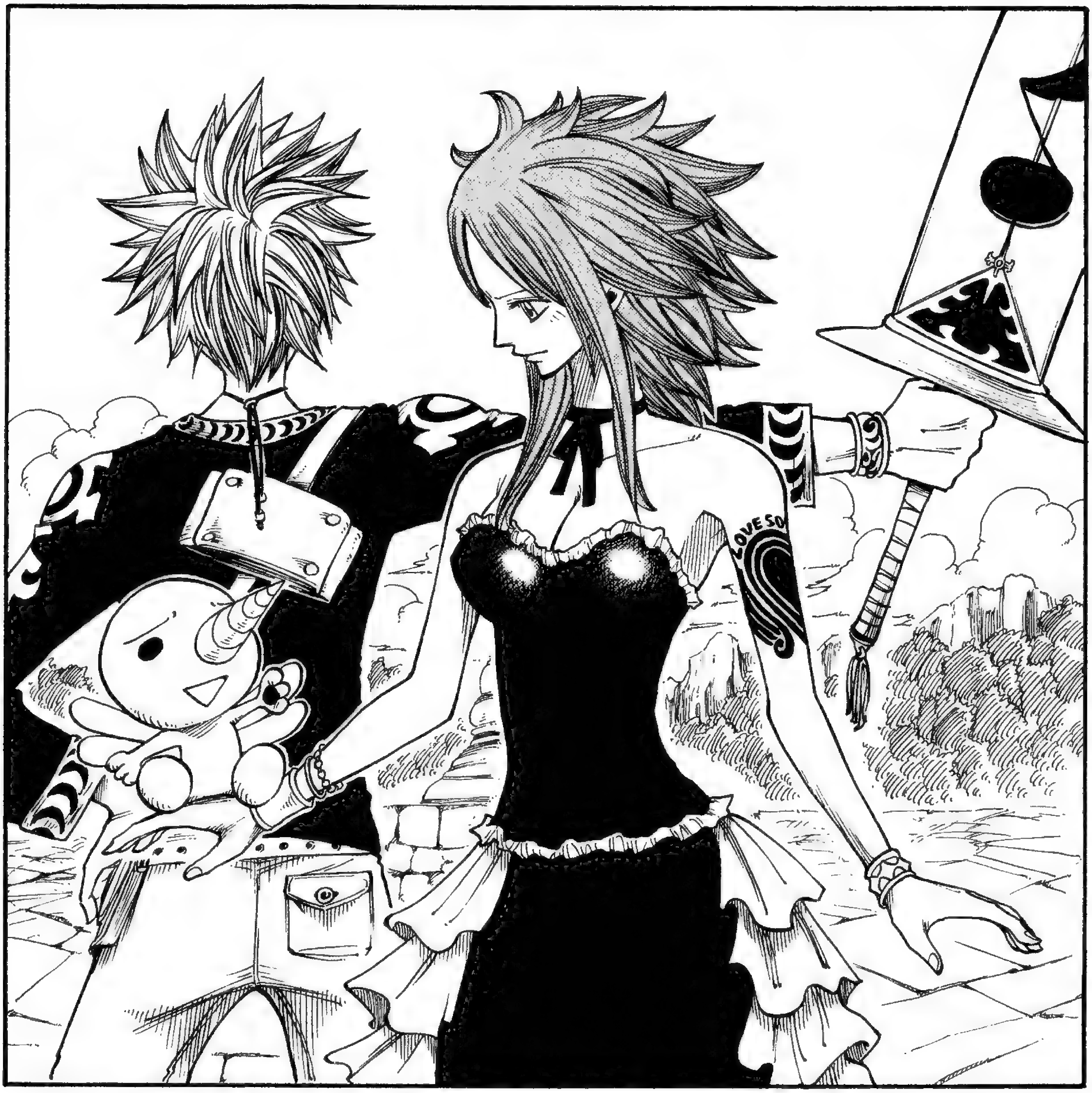
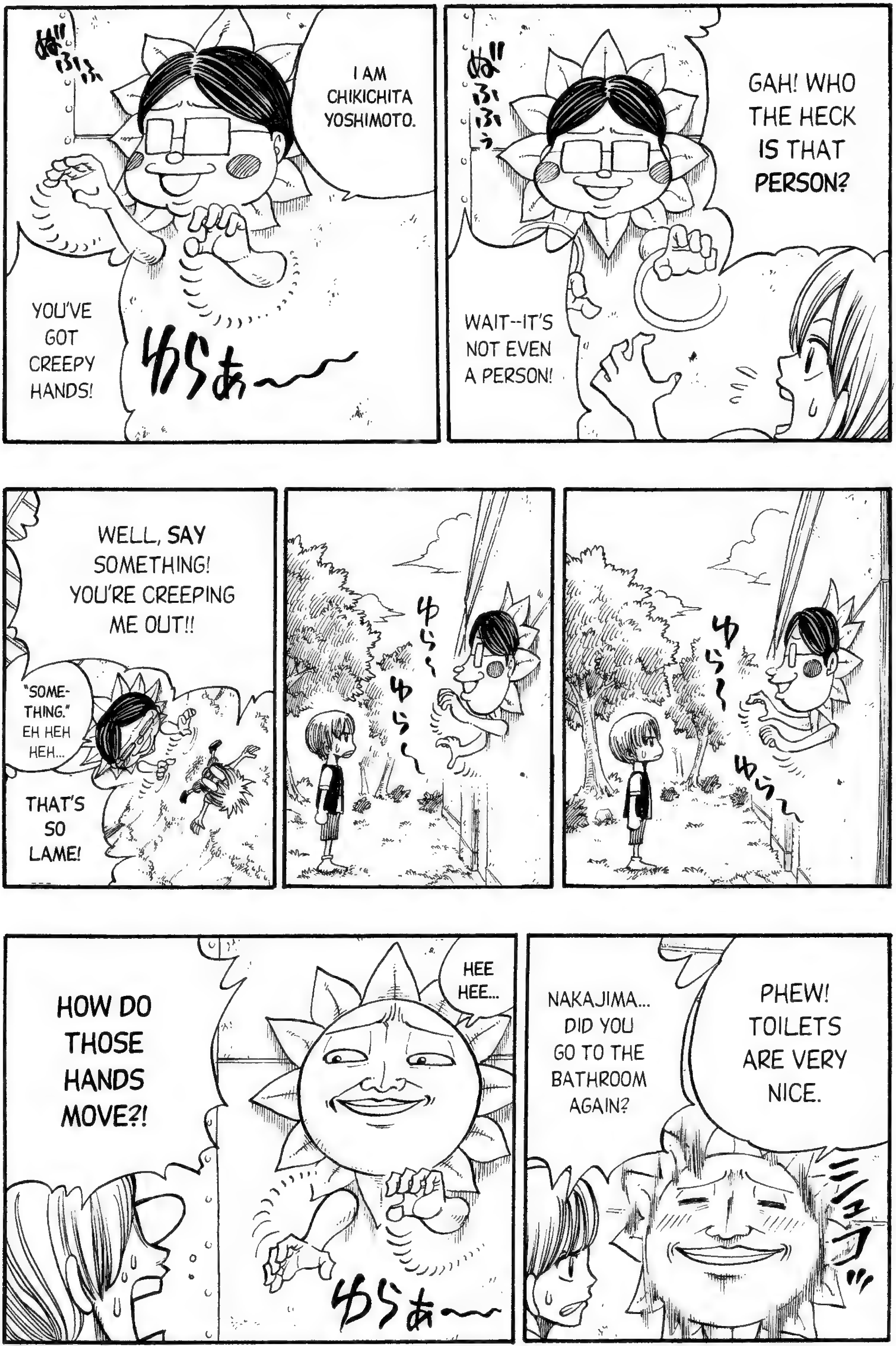


RAVE 0077 Levin Minds the House #21 - Chikichita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I AM CHIKICHITA YOSHIMOTO.
YOU'VE GOT CREEPY HANDS!
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GAH! WHO THE HECK IS THAT PERSON?
WAIT--IT'S NOT EVEN A PERSON!
WELL, SAY SOMETHING! YOU'RE CREEPING ME OUT!!
"SOMETHING." EH HEH HEH...
THAT'S SO LAME!
ゆら～ ゆら～
ゆら～ ゆら～
HOW DO THOSE HANDS MOVE?!
HEE HEE...
ゆらぁ～～
NAKAJIMA... DID YOU GO TO THE BATHROOM AGAIN?
PHEW! TOILETS ARE VERY NICE.
シュブッ

To Be Continued?

Q & A CORNER

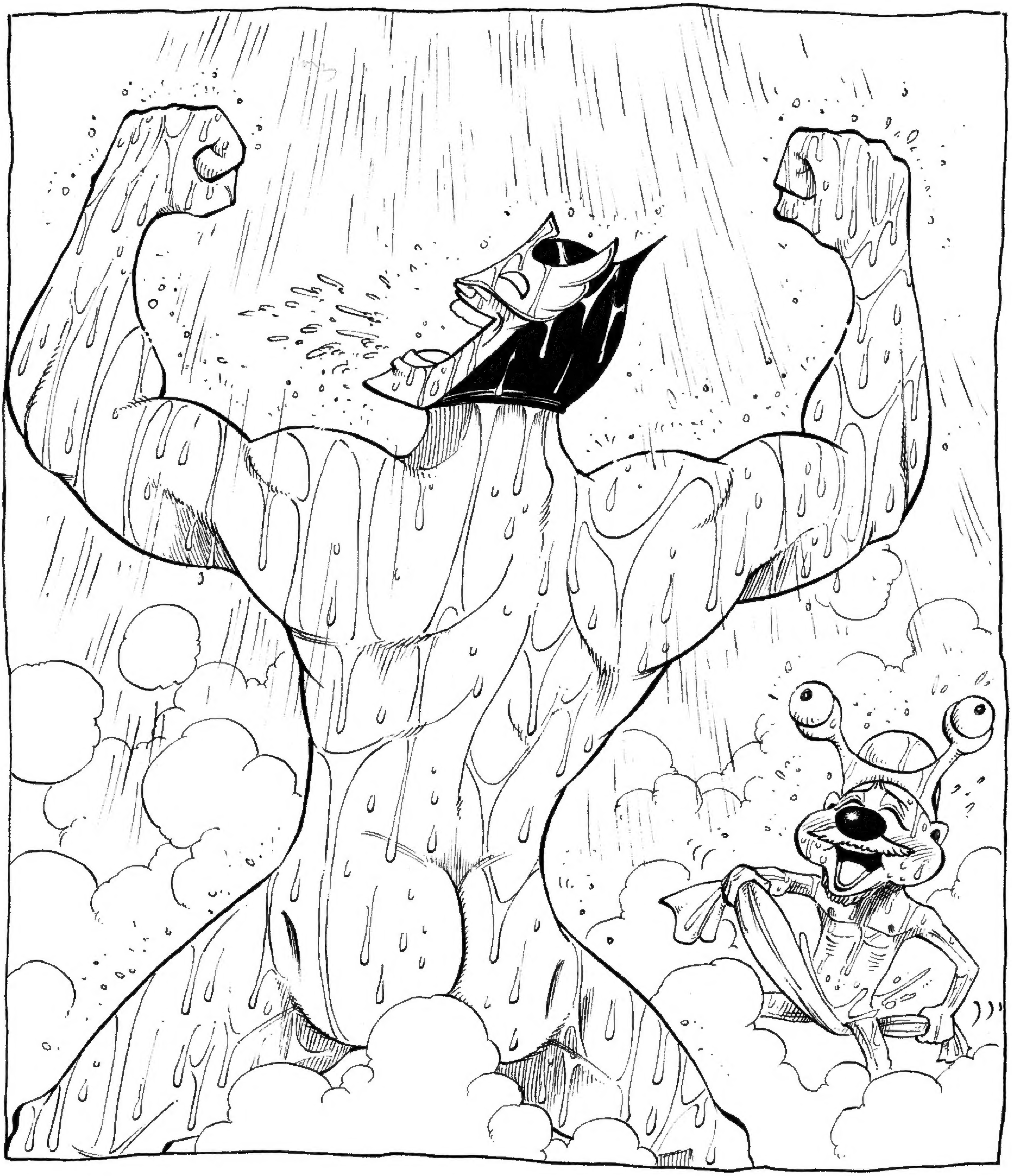
RAVEOOQA

Q. Can I get Rave de Art merchandise for gifts poyo?
(Nakajima Island-ized, Ibaraki Prefecture)

A. Er...first of all, that's not proper "Poyo-ese." The proper use is not "for gifts poyo?" but "for gifts, poyo?" Remember it! You'll be tested on this! What was the question again, poyo? Ah, merchandise...nope, none! Presents are KING's thing, so everyone go bug KING!

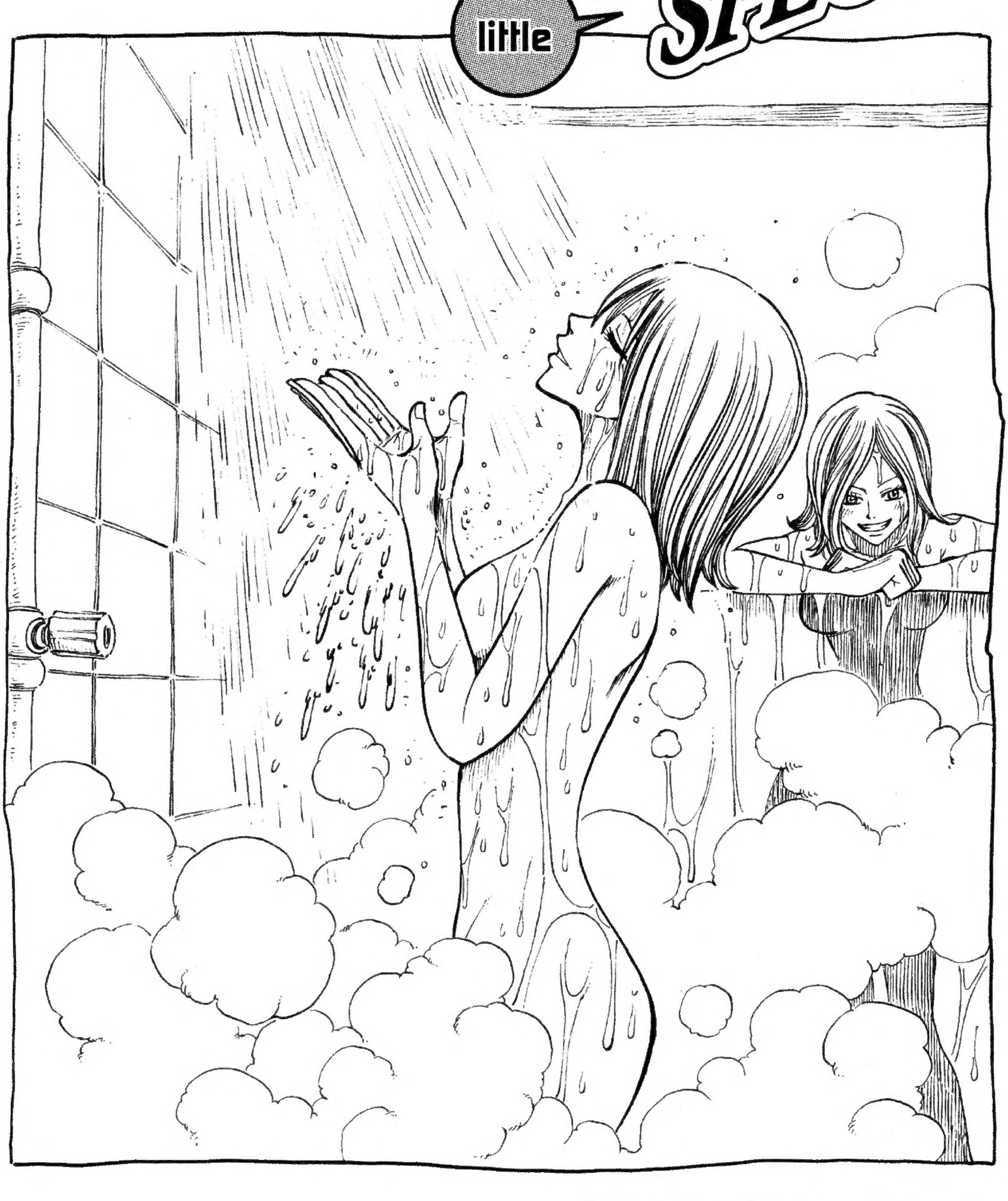
Q. Hey! You promised an Elie shower scene back in Vol. 2, but it never came! Gimme, gimme!
(Griff the Second and Others, Wakayama Prefecture)

A. ...I hadn't actually drawn it. (^_^) I spoke too soon. But listen, everyone...if I drew that, everyone's moms would go, "Oh my goodness! This is a filthy manga; I'm confiscating it!" Girls would say, "Hiro-kun, you pervert! Ew..." Elie Fans would go, "How dare you draw Miss Elie like this!" etc. etc. It'd be a real pain in the butt! What? You wanna see it anyway? Oh, okay then...just a little bath scene... (turn to the next page.)



Gah! Too bad! And just when you had your hopes up...Wait just a little longer...it's coming...

Rave de Art スペシャル SPECIAL



(Hiro Mashima – Tokyo)

This is what they call a "SERVICE CUT" in the industry.
Sorry! Please forgive me! It's a boy's magazine... (blush)

"AFTERWORDS!"

HAVE NOTHING TO WRITE. SEE YOU NEXT VOLUME...

AHEM! WELL, ACTUALLY, I OFTEN SAY, "OH, I'LL WRITE THIS," OR, "I WANT TO TALK ABOUT THAT!" AND THEN WHEN THE TIME COMES, I'VE COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN.

I'M NOT REALLY A MEMO KIND OF GUY. OTHER MANGA-KA WRITE LOTS OF NOTES, AND I THINK, "I SHOULD DO THAT, TOO!" BUT I NEVER DO.

WRITING NOTES ABOUT MANGA IDEAS IS SO GRADE SCHOOL. (^_^) WHAT'LL I WRITE ABOUT TODAY...

I CAN'T REMEMBER...AND I'VE TAKEN UP HALF MY SPACE ALREADY.

OH! I JUST REMEMBERED! MY SHORT-STORY COLLECTION! I'VE WRITTEN ABOUT IT BEFORE, BUT MY SHORT-STORY COLLECTIONS VOLUMES 1 AND 2 ARE OUT! (THE TITLE IS "*MASHIMA-EN*.")

I MADE FUN EXTRA PAGES FOR EVERYONE IN THOSE, TOO! THE FIRST PRINTING'S ALREADY DONE. SO THIS IS, UM, A LITTLE FREE PR. GO BUY 'EM ALL!

Hiro Mashima.